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District to Cease No-Cut Procedure For Athletic Teams

In an effort to improve its athletic programs, the Princeton Regional School District is expected to change its practice of not cutting any students who try out for teams at Princeton High School.

At its December 17 meeting, the Princeton Regional Board of Education heard the first reading of a policy that, if approved, would terminate the no-cut practice, allow coaches to determine the composition of certain athletic teams through a cut procedure, and provide other opportunities for those student-athletes who do not make the teams.

"We want to provide a program that is safe in terms of supervision, and we want our students to be able to compete adequately with teams from other school districts," stated Claire Sheff Kohn, superintendent of the district. "We also don't want to exclude kids who want to participate."

The policy is based upon part of a report submitted to the district in June 2002 by the Excellence in Athletics Subcommittee of the Friends of Princeton Athletics (FOPA) that made recommendations related to the district's no-cut practice and the athletic program at John Witherspoon Middle School.

The School Board will hear the second reading of the policy at its January 28 meeting and is expected to vote on it at that time.

"We brought to their attention what we felt was the necessity to upgrade their athletic programs," said Bob James, president of FOPA. "We surveyed every school district that we could, and we found that they all had a team selection process. Everybody we compete against has a team selection process."

According to Mr. James, every sport will have the option to institute a cut policy, though he expects that less than one-quarter of the teams will actually use it.

"More than three-quarters of the programs need participants," said Mr. James, who indicated that tennis, golf, and basketball will most likely utilize the policy.

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School Board Looks to Rectify Project

Following a recent round of bids related to its \$81.3 million construction project that resulted in cost projections that were well over budget, the Princeton Regional Board of Education expressed its collective disappointment at its December meeting. But officials added that, while possible, a decision to elicit further funding from public voters would be a final option.

According to Charlotte Bialek, president of the School Board, asking voters to approve additional funding would be "an absolute last resort."

"Obviously, going back to the public to ask for more money is a last resort," concurred Anne Burns, vice president of the School Board and a member of its facilities committee. "Is that an option that the board may have to consider? Yes. Is that an option that the board wants to consider? No."

Intended to facilitate new construction and renovations at each of its six schools, the district's multi-year project is being funded through a \$81.3 million bond referendum overwhelmingly approved by voters

on May 15, 2001, plus \$20 million in state aid.

The School Board had established the amount of the referendum and sought voter approval of it upon the basis of cost projections determined by the Hillier Group, their architectural firm. Preliminary figures released prior to the referendum indicated that the improvements to each elementary school would cost \$5 million, the middle school would cost \$18 million, and the high school would cost more than \$38 million.

"We have been working with their numbers and their estimates all along," said Ms. Burns. "We were assured that we were going to be able to construct a building based on those figures."

On December 12, the School Board opened the most recent round of bids for its district-wide project. While bids for the four elementary schools were under budget, those related to the project at John Witherspoon Middle School exceeded the district's budget by at

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Despite Heavy Seasonal Precipitation, Drought Emergency Remains in Effect

Although it was a white Christmas in Princeton this year following a season of heavy rain and snowfall, much of the state continues to be affected by an ongoing drought emergency.

"A water supply emergency is still in place," said David Robinson, New Jersey state climatologist at Rutgers University. "But climatologically speaking, the drought is over."

Current climatological conditions, however, are not the only standard

by which to measure the state's water supply status.

"Statewide, New Jersey continues to be in a drought emergency," said Elaine Makatura, a spokeswoman for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Although, according to Ms. Makatura, reservoir levels are nearly 16 percent above average, groundwater levels remain below normal.

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HERITAGE REMEMBERED: George Washington, portrayed by David Emerson of Burlington City, rides across Princeton Battlefield Sunday with re-enactors portraying Revolutionary War officers. No battle was staged this year, but re-enactors commemorated the 226th anniversary of the Battle of Princeton with demonstrations of cannon fire and infantry maneuvers, as well as colonial-era dress, food, and music.

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Drought

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"Water demands are at their lowest this time of year," she stated, "and even though we have had a wet season, February and the eight months preceding it were one of the driest periods on record."

According to Mr. Robinson, the statewide precipitation amount for New Jersey in 2002 was 45 inches, a level that is "close to normal."

From September to Novem-

ber, the autumn season produced 16.2 inches of rain throughout the state, an amount that was 4.8 inches above the average of 11.4 inches for that time period. Mr. Robinson added that that level of rainfall made this fall the sixth wettest autumn since 1895.

In addition, December has seen between 4 and 5 inches of precipitation, a level that is "somewhat above normal," stated Mr. Robinson.

"When you put it all together," he added, "we had close to average precipitation this year. It looks like it's time to put this drought behind us."

However, at different times throughout 2002, the state experienced drought conditions. Both January and February were very dry months, conditions that returned in the summer months of July and August.

Emergency

On March 4, 2002, New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey declared a drought emergency, thereby enabling DEP Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell to impose water restrictions.

"The restrictions are lessened and heightened according to the needs at the time," said Ms. Makatura. "We continue to look at those needs on a daily basis."

In September, Commissioner Campbell announced a statewide ban on outdoor water use. Although minimum

restrictions remain in place in the southern portion of the state, those imposed on Princeton were eased in late October and remain unenforced.

"The restrictions remain in effect in the southern part of the state at this time," stated

Ms. Makatura, "because the commissioner considers it prudent to encourage water preservation."

"Every time it seems like we're coming out of drought conditions, we seem to fall back into them," said Mr. Robinson. "However, this is the biggest respite from drought conditions that we've had in a long time."

"We are attempting to deal with this in a long-term fashion," said Ms. Makatura, "so that we don't have to face the kind of drought situation we had earlier in the year."

Despite such concerns, the state climatologist expects the pattern of precipitation to continue.

"There is no sign to an end of this wet pattern," said Mr. Robinson, "and that's only good news as long as the rain doesn't come in excess."

—David McNutt

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Week Six of Christmas Fund Appeal Brings Contributions to Over \$21,000

These are not the best of times. With a possible war on the horizon, and the economic news bleak, many people are psychologically batten down the hatches and waiting warily for what lies ahead.

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The Town Topics Christmas Fund, for more than a half century, has been a way for Princetonians to help their neighbors in need. It was ready last winter, when a fire left a multi-generational family out in the cold. The six adults living in the house with four children had been managing all the household expenses, and even had a reserve fund for emergencies.

But nothing had prepared them for the devastation of the fire. Aside from everything else, two of the residents, could not cash their paychecks because the identification papers in their wallets had been destroyed.

The Town Topics Christmas Fund helped them with transportation expenses; provided payment for fees that are charged to reinstate licenses; and gave them food certificates and a security deposit when they found a place to live.

In this Week Six of the appeal, contributions have reached \$21,770. This is lower than in past years. Yet it is likely that needs will be even greater in 2003.

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CLEARED FOR CONSTRUCTION: A pile of stumps lies blanketed in snow Friday on the recently-cleared construction site at Princeton University's Lawrence Apartments near Alexander Road. The University recently reached an agreement with Princeton Township to plant 1,550 trees on Township lands. The tree replacement agreement, which also calls for replanting several acres of University land, was intended to compensate for the more than 1,000 trees removed to build seven new buildings for housing graduate students.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Princeton University To Plant 1,550 Trees on Township Lands To Compensate for Deforestation at Lawrence Apartments

Princeton University has agreed to plant approximately 1,550 trees in Princeton Township over the next four years to compensate for the more than 1,000 trees it removed as part of Planning Board-approved construction at the University's Lawrence Apartments complex near Alexander Road.

Under the agreement, Princeton University will reforest two to three acres of

Township land with 150 trees, plant 200 shade trees along Township streets, and plant 1,200 seedlings in the

TOPICS Of the Town

Township's nursery at Barbara Smoyer Park. The University also agreed to reforest two to three acres of University land and revised its construction plan to preserve 88 of the trees originally slated for removal at the Lawrence Apartments site.

The University received Planning Board approval in September to construct seven apartment buildings on the largely-wooded 12-acre site, located to the north of the existing Lawrence Apartments complex off West Drive. To construct the apartments, detention basin, geothermal well field, and a new access drive from Alexander Road, the University planned to remove 1,000 to 1,200 trees, some of them mature trees with diameters greater than 30 inches.

University plans specified the replanting of 463 smaller trees and more than 3,200 shrubs at the Alexander Road site. In addition the University offered to donate \$50,000 to the Township for reforestation at other sites.

Following the announcement of the offer at the Planning Board meeting in September, Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand called the offer, "not in the spirit of the loss." At the meeting, the Township and University agreed to work together to develop a mutually agreeable replanting scheme.

Through the course of several meetings, Township and University officials negotiated an agreement under which the University would spend approximately three times the \$50,000 originally proffered and be actively involved in replanting.

"This particular settlement goes a long way toward putting trees in the ground," said Mayor Marchand. She praised the agreement, saying it would have long-term benefits for the Township as well as the University.

"This is a very good

example of why we are a Tree City," said Mayor Marchand. "This shows you can use land for public purposes and still have a good trade-off for the environment."

She also noted that adding graduate housing in close proximity to the campus would reduce the amount of driving done by students and offer opportunities for jitney services.

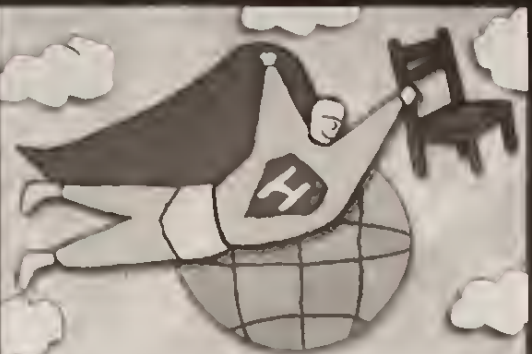
Mayor Marchand's support for the agreement was echoed by other members of the Township team that worked with University officials, including Township Engineer Robert Kiser and Township Arborist Greg O'Neill.

"We pretty much hit a home run," said Mr. O'Neill.

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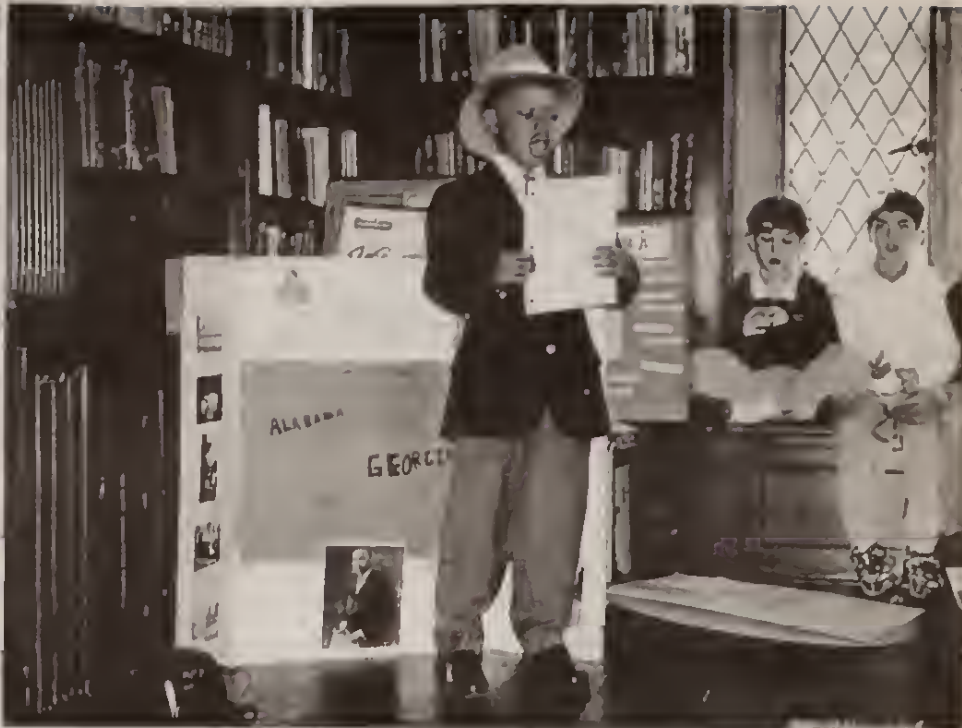
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HIS HERO'S BIOGRAPHY: As part of their learning about biographies as a form of writing, third grade boys at Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart made presentations on their favorite hero at a "Biography Breakfast." Shown is Stephen Harrington of Trenton presenting his biography of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Friends and family were invited to see each boy present his biography and explain his hero's historical significance.

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Reforestation

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Although the new plantings will be significantly smaller in diameter than the trees removed at the Lawrence Apartments site, he said the agreement to replant a greater number of trees than the number removed is a landmark agreement for the Township.

The 1,200 seedlings to be purchased by the University will be the first trees planted at the recently-dedicated Township nursery, located off Herrontown Road in the northeast corner of Barbara Smoyer park. Mr. O'Neil said indigenous species, including red maple, white oak, and white ash, would be supplemented with non-native varieties such as hedge maple, and Amur cork. Replanting will be spread over four years.

Mayor Marchand said the first priority for reforestation of Township parks will be Coventry Farm on the Great Road. Greenway Meadows on Rosedale Road, where trees were removed this year to add a parking lot and facilities for public access, is another possible area for replanting, said Mr. Kiser.

The Shade Tree Commission will evaluate areas for

planting shade trees along with Mr. O'Neil to help purchase the tree species selected by the Township, and the University will be responsible for planting them.

—Rebecca Blackwell

REMEMBER the TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund

The Public Is Invited To Meetings, Reception

Princeton Borough and Princeton Township will each hold an annual reorganization meeting on Sunday, January 5, at noon. The Borough will meet in the Council Room of Borough Hall and the Township at its new municipal complex on Witherspoon Street.

In past years, and for who knows how many decades, those attending the two municipal meetings came together afterwards at a reception, usually held in a Princeton firehouse. But things are different this year.

Instead of a firehouse get-together, Mayor Phyllis Marchand and the Township Committee are inviting the Princeton community to the dedication of the Township's new municipal complex. This will take place at the conclusion of the reorganization meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

Both reorganization meetings will feature the swearing in of winners of the November election for Borough Council and Township Committee. In the Borough, these are Mildred Trotman and David Goldfarb. A Council president, whose duties are similar to those of a deputy mayor, will be elected.

At Township Hall, Bernie Miller and William Enslin, who were victorious in November, will take the oath of office. All those to be sworn in are Democrats, and all will be joining all-Democratic municipal governing bodies.

Township Committee will also elect a Mayor for 2003. Phyllis Marchand, the current Mayor, has served five consecutive terms.

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Sen. Frist and Peter Bell, president of CARE USA — who will receive James Madison Medal — are recipients of the University's top honors for alumni in 2003.

Sen. Frist specialized in health care policy and earned his A.B. from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in 1974.

He will receive his award and deliver an address on Alumni Day, Saturday, February 22. The talk is entitled, "The Floor of the U.S. Senate as the Operating Theater: Is Transplanting Ideas Any Different From Transplanting Hearts?" The talk, which will begin at 10:30 a.m., will be held in Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, and is open to the public.

The Daily Princetonian reported that Dr. Frist was a member of Cottage Club while at the University and that, in a reunion booklet put together by the class of 1974, he responded to the question of what he liked most and least at the University in this way: "Liked most: graduation. Liked least: cold weather."

Dr. Frist is a former member of Princeton's board of trustees. The University's Frist Campus center — designed by Architect Robert

Venturi — is named for the senator's family, several of whom are Princeton graduates. His son, William H. Frist, is currently a freshman at Princeton.

After graduating from Princeton, Dr. Frist earned his M.D. degree from Harvard and went on to become a heart and lung transplant surgeon. In 1986 he joined the teaching faculty at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where he founded and subsequently directed the multidisciplinary Vanderbilt Transplant Center.

Under his leadership, the center became internationally renowned for multi-organ transplantation. He has performed more than 150 transplant procedures.

Elected to the Senate in 1994, he became the first practicing physician elected to the governing body since 1928. In 2000 he was elected to a second term in the Senate by the largest margin ever received by a candidate for statewide office in the history of Tennessee.

He is the author of more than 100 articles, chapters and abstracts on medical research and four books.

—Myrna K. Bearse

MCCC Revamps Curriculum For Medical Technology

While the shortage of nurses is often newsworthy, the critical shortage of medical laboratory technologists is not as widely known. To address the need, Mercer County Community College (MCCC) has joined forces with its affiliate hospitals in the region to revamp its Medical Laboratory Technology program.

Beginning in summer 2003, students who already have two years of college with a science or medical background can complete a Medical Laboratory Technology associate degree in one year. Those without the required courses can complete the degree in two years.

"We have consolidated the professional courses into a one-year program to accommodate people with a science background who want to enter this field," said Jane O'Reilly, program coordinator. "We expect it will appeal to people looking for a career change or for a profession that will use their biology or chemistry training." Ms. O'Reilly said the field is appealing to adults and those who want to continue their education because it offers flexible hours.

The new program is the product of a collaborative effort involving the five hospitals in the Mercer County region that provide clinical training and other support for students in the program.

Joe Bonnano, vice president of the Medical Center at Princeton, said, "Our expanded partnership with the college comes at exactly the right time to meet the anticipated need for highly trained clinical laboratory workers."

Yoga Studio Offers Free Yoga, Meditation

The Yoga Studio at Pennington is offering free yoga, meditation, and children's yoga classes on Saturday, January 4, and Sunday, January 5.

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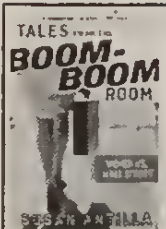
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CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS EVE: Participants in the annual caroling by candlelight event stand in front of Palmer Square's decorated tree on Christmas Eve. Carolers met at the Arts Council of Princeton and marched to Palmer Square.

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Senior Center Continues Princeton Reads Program

After last October's community-wide activities under the umbrella of "Princeton Reads," The Princeton Senior Resource Center is undertaking the continuation of the project. PSRC has assumed the mission of sponsoring book review sessions of all the books that were nominees in the local poll. Chang-rae Lee's *Native Speaker* was the first-place winner, and was the subject of a PSRC discussion group October 30. The other nominated books will be reviewed, one-at-a-time.

On January 16 at 1:30 p.m., PSRC will host the discussion of Toni Morrison's nominated novel, *The Bluest Eye* at Spruce Circle, Harrison Street. Harriet Teweles and Ann Laughlin will again lead a group that comes together to explore and try to better understand the author's statement. The public is welcome, there is no registration required, and the event is free of charge.

The other books to be discussed at later dates include: *Rule of the Bone* by Russell Banks, *Them* by Joyce Carol Oates, *The Hot Zone* by Richard Preston, and *This Side of Paradise* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. For further information about Princeton Reads...and Reads...and Reads, call the Princeton Senior Resource Center at 924-7108.

Beth Chaim Pre-School Schedules Open House

Congregation Beth Chaim Pre-School will hold an open house for prospective students from January 6 to January 10, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. The pre-school, which is open to the community, offers Toddler & Me classes, classes for children 2 1/2 to 6 years old,



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: A trio of carolers joins in singing Christmas carols on Palmer Square on Christmas Eve. The candlelight carolling, organized by the Arts Council of Princeton, began with a singing march from the Arts Council to Palmer Square.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

a summer camp, and a kindergarten enrichment program.

The school stresses socialization through safe and nurturing learning within a Reform Jewish setting. It has added new classrooms, an enlarged playground, and a new indoor gym/multi-purpose room this year.

Parents of prospective students are invited to visit the school, meet the teachers, and learn about the new programs. They should call the school at (609) 799-8811 to schedule the visit.

Applications and tuition information will be available on January 2, and registration for the 2003-2004 school year will begin on Monday, January 13.

Congregation Beth Chaim is located at 329 Village Road East, Princeton Junction.

Clothing Boutique Opens Princeton Store

Paradise Found, a men's and women's clothing boutique, has announced the opening of a Princeton store at 20 Nassau Street.

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Lea Quinty Is Named Acting Borough Clerk

Lea Quinty, a 17-year veteran of Princeton Borough's administrative offices, has been named acting municipal clerk. She takes over from Bob Bruschi, the Borough's administrator, who assumed the role of municipal clerk on a temporary basis after Carolyn Kafka left in September. Ms. Kafka had replaced long-time clerk Penney Edwards-Carter, who retired in November 2001. The new acting Borough clerk was also named the Borough's affirmative action compliance officer.

Ms. Quinty was hired in 1986 by Borough Administrator Mark Gordon as a part-time administrative assistant, and most recently served as an assistant to Mr. Bruschi. She is a second-generation Borough employee. Her mother, Peggy Perone, worked in the Borough's engineering department for more than 25 years until her retirement five years ago.

In recommending Ms. Quinty's appointment at the December 17 Council meeting, Mr. Bruschi said, "Lea brings a tremendous track record with her to the position. Lea is very capable, and is among the most dedicated Borough employees." Mr. Bruschi also said he was

pleased at the opportunity to recommend a promotion from within, and that "all of us are looking forward to Lea's transition into the position of Borough clerk. I am most confident that Council will be pleased with the leadership and commitment that Lea will bring to the position."

Ms. Quinty, who was born in Princeton, grew up and still lives in Lawrenceville.

In the past few years, she has taken four of the five courses necessary for certification as municipal clerk. She will take the final one in the spring and hopes to be eligible for appointment as Borough Clerk at that time.

As municipal clerk, Ms. Quinty acts as secretary to Mayor and Council, supervises elections in the Borough, issues licenses, and is responsible for setting up agendas for Council meetings and providing minutes of these meetings.

"We have already in place a dedicated staff, a supportive administration, and an experienced Council that I am going to learn from," said Ms. Quinty.

Both her parents worked in government; her father was

with the Post Office for 45 years. Ms. Quinty said they are proud and excited at her appointment.

The third generation of the family is also in government service. Ms. Quinty's son earned a master's degree in urban planning and is now a planner for Collier County, Fla. Recently married, he and his wife live in Naples, Fla. Ms. Quinty and her husband are proud of him, as well as delighted to have a winter destination. They plan to head down at the end of January.

—Myrna K. Bearse

12 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Medical Center at Princeton has reported 12 births to area residents in the week ending December 20.

Sons were born to David and Katherine Boyle, Princeton, December 11; Mark and Aileen Anderson, Princeton, December 12; Ashoke and Shamoli Bhattacharya, Princeton, December 19; Ignacio Molina and Angelica Salgado, Lawrenceville, December 19; William and Vivian Allen, Princeton, December 19; and

Mark and Kathleen Edelstein, Belle Mead, December 16.

Daughters were born to K. David and Olga Cadieu, Lawrenceville, December 12; Peter and Judy Spagnoli, Princeton, December 12; Nector Gregorio and Iris Vidal, Princeton, December

18; Jeffrey and Anna Bobb, Princeton, December 16; Suresh and Lavanya Kanna, Plainsboro, December 16; and Deepak and Rashmi Mallick, Lawrenceville, December 18.

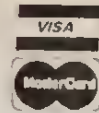
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School Board
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least \$1 million, and the bids for Princeton High School were over budget by roughly \$13 million.

Although the School Board had hoped to award the contracts for its projects at its December 17 meeting, it has delayed those awards for as long as 60 days in order to make changes to its design plans, which could significantly affect the district's construction schedule.

Immediately following the opening of the bids, School Board officials met with J. Robert Hillier, founder and chairman of the Hillier Group, in an effort to determine the best course of action.

Mr. Hillier is scheduled to meet with the School Board again on Friday, January 3, and the board's architect, Paul Pezzutti, is scheduled to meet with the facilities committee on Monday, January 6 in order to present several re-design options intended to bring the project under budget.

"We will be working with the district, and we will present them with a variety of options," said Mr. Pezzutti. "All of the options involve a certain amount of re-design."

Significant Monies

"We have significant monies," said Ms. Burns, "and we can do some significant things with those monies."

At the December meeting, several School Board members expressed disappointment with the outcome of the bidding process.

"I wish I had better news," stated Ms. Burns after relaying the bidding results to the public. "I am distressed that the cuts we made did not result in bids anywhere near what we can afford."

"Hillier was very optimistic," said board member Myra Williams. "I am totally dismayed that those estimates were not on the conservative side."

"A lot of time has been spent in seeing that this project is sent down the proper path," said board member Alan Hegedus, "and we are more than concerned about this turn of events."

"We don't like the cost, and we don't like the delay," added Mr. Hegedus. "We will meet the problem to end up with a facility that we can all be proud of, but this is a thoroughly unacceptable position."

For bidding purposes, the School Board divided its project into four components: Community Park and Johnson Park elementary schools; Riverside and Littlebrook elementary schools; John Witherspoon Middle School; and Princeton High School.

In its most recent round of bids — the second round for both the elementary schools and the middle school — the School Board accepted separate bids on each project for both its whole construction and sub-contractor work to be performed by general contracting, plumbing, electrical, steel, and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) firms.

Few Bids

In return, the board received numerous offers by sub-contractors, but once again earned few general contracting bids.

For the Community Park and Johnson Park project, Imperial Construction of Elizabeth submitted bids of \$6.6 million for the general contracting work and \$11.6 million for all the work at the two schools. In addition, Fletcher Harfee of Fort Washington, Pa. bid \$5 million to be the general contractor of the joint project.

Imperial also issued bids of \$5.6 million for the general contracting work at both Littlebrook and Riverside and \$10.5 million for all of the construction work at those sites.

For the John Witherspoon Middle School project, Hestert Construction Corporation of Cherry Hill, which was recently outbid for the construction of the Princeton Public Library, submitted the only general contracting bid for \$11.5 million.

Similarly, the only general contracting bid for the Princeton High School project was issued by Ernest Bock & Sons of Philadelphia, Pa., which bid \$24.9 million.

High School Bid

"We're very disappointed about the high school bid," said Ms. Bialek shortly after the bids were opened. "We're pleased with where the elementary school bids came in, and we're close at the middle school, but obviously we have a lot of work to do at the high school."

Ms. Burns stated that because this is the second time the School Board has put its project at the middle

school out to bid, the possibility may exist that the board could negotiate directly with the contractors. In addition,

according to Ms. Burns, the School Board could decide to combine the construction projects at John Witherspoon Middle School and Princeton High School in an effort to save money.

In August, the School Board announced that it was delaying its construction six weeks until mid-October to make changes to the site plans in order to take into consideration questions regarding cost, program purposes, and most appropriate use of the property.

On October 4, the School Board unanimously rejected all of the few first-round bids it received for its projects related to both the elementary schools and the middle school. In addition, the School Board voted to withdraw its request for bids for the high school.

Each of the bids received by the district at that time exceeded its construction budgets, although district officials have declined to reveal the exact amount of those budgets.

Extended Deadline

Then, in mid-October, at the recommendation of its architect, the School Board decided to extend the deadline for its next round of bids on the construction projects at its four elementary schools and the middle school by nearly three weeks, thereby moving all bid openings to December 12.

The decision to extend the deadline was precipitated by the fact that eight other school districts within New Jersey were scheduled to open their bids on the original deadline of November 25. By delaying the bid openings, the School Board was hoping to encourage greater participation and increase the number of bids it had received to that point.

The timetables for the construction projects vary according to each level within the district. At the elementary schools, construction is expected to last 15 months, while the improvements to the middle school and the high school are expected to take approximately 18 months to two years and three years, respectively.

—David McNutt



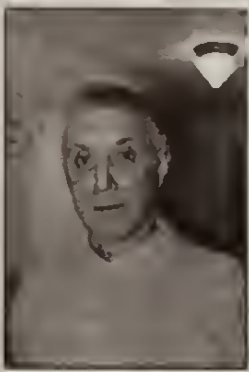
NEW HOME FOR RFB&D: Father Joe Morris, left, of the Vincentian Renewal Center at St. Joseph's Seminary in Plainsboro, presents the key to the new home of the New Jersey Unit of Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic to the unit's board co-chair Shawn Ellsworth. RFB&D is relocating to St. Joseph's from facilities in Princeton and West Windsor.

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—Lou Coppola, Shirley Court



"Become more actively involved in St. Paul Church with all of us, the whole family. Continue to go to New York Sports Club and to get my whole family involved. And to share the joy of having Bernese Mountain Dogs with others."

—Anthony Nini, Province Line Road



"To exercise, to eat better, have a better quality of life. [I'm going to] take every Monday off, catch up on all the work at the house. Try to make the time I have with people who are important to me count."

—Karen Del Rossi, Nassau Street



"I'm not. My New Year is in September, because I'm Jewish. It's the middle of the year for me. I take advantage of the vacation and sales, but it's not a decision making time for me."

—Ido Golding, Nassau Street

Series At Library Highlights Winners Of Book Awards

Princeton Public Library will kick off a series of events surrounding the National Book Foundation Gold Medal Tour on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:30 p.m., when the library hosts the first of four book discussion groups.

The discussions are designed to familiarize the community with the winners of the 2002 National Book Awards leading up to an appearance by the four authors on January 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Nassau Presbyterian Church.

The Wednesday, January 8 event at the library will feature Library Director Leslie Burger leading a discussion of the winner of the Fiction award, *Three Junes* by Julia Glass.

Janet Johnson, manager of the library's Youth Services Department, will moderate a discussion of Nancy Farmer's *The House of the Scorpion*, winner of the prize for Young People's Literature, on Thursday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the library.

The series continues at the library Tuesday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m., when Fred I. Greenstein leads a discussion of the winner for Nonfiction, Robert A. Caro's *Master of the Senate: The Years of Lyndon Johnson*. Dr. Greenstein is professor emeritus of political science and director of the Research Program in Leadership Studies at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He is the author and editor of eight books on the presidency, including his most recent, *The Presidential Difference: Leadership Style from FDR to Clinton*.

A discussion of the Poetry winner, Ruth Stone's *In the Next Galaxy*, moderated by Winnie Hughes, poet and managing editor of *U.S. 1 Worksheets*, will wrap up the discussion series on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the library.

Registration is required for all book discussions. Potential participants should register using a form at the library's Information Desk or by calling (609) 924-9529, Ext. 240.

Registration is not required for the free January 23 event featuring the authors of the four winning titles. An Evening with the Winners of the 2002 National Book Awards, at Nassau Presbyterian Church, is co-sponsored by the library, the National Book Foundation and Bloomberg.

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Athletic Teams

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"We're all looking to improve the educational and athletic experience of our students," said John Curtis, who was athletic director of the school district for 10 years prior to his recent resignation. According to Mr. Curtis, there are currently 25 athletic programs at the high school: 13 boys' teams and 12 girls' teams.

The proposed policy states, in part, that "athletes will be selected based on the best interests of the team and individual students" and that head coaches will choose players "based upon playing ability, not grade level or program loyalty."

According to the policy, if they are not selected, students will have an opportunity to discuss the decision with the coach and will be made aware of teams with unlimited participation within the school district. In addition, students will be advised of programs available within the community, for example those held through the Recreation Department and the YMCA.

"Part of the philosophy is that if a student is cut," stated Mr. James, "he or she will be advised as to what teams do not have that policy in effect and other places where they can participate."

According to Dr. Kohn, the School Board has never passed a formal no-cut policy, though it has been a practice for many years.

Participation

"We want to be both competitive and allow the widest range of students to participate," said Dr. Kohn. "Sometimes, those are competing ideas. But if there are five playing positions, and we have 75 kids on a team, then obviously that's not a good ratio."

In mid-November, the district distributed copies of the draft of the policy to coaches and asked them to review the proposal.

"It's important to have feedback from the coaches," said Jeff Graber, assistant superintendent of the district, "because these are the men and women who will be carrying out the new procedures."

Mr. James stated that seven coaches responded to the draft copies. Five of the coaches said that they would not use the cut policy but thought it was a good idea, and two other coaches indicated that they would indeed use it. "The response has been amazingly supportive," said Mr. James.

Another aspect of the report by FOPA addressed the athletic program at John Witherspoon Middle School.

"Our final goal is to have successful teams at the high school level," said Mr. James, who graduated from Princeton High School in 1962. "We have found that every team we are successful with

at the high school is fed to us by outside, private groups.

Likewise, the sports we struggle with at the high school level are those supported by the middle school programs."

With that in mind, the report recommended the institution of a full-time athletic program at the middle school as well as intramural programs.

Level Playing Field

"In conjunction with limiting the size of certain teams, we need to make J.W. (John Witherspoon Middle School) a full-time program," stated Mr. James. "Many of our student-athletes are not ready to compete on the high school level. We need full-time coaches, not part-time advisors. We want to be on a level playing field."

According to Mr. James, FOPA determined that under the current part-time middle school program, its athletic teams are meeting three times each week for 45 minutes and playing half as many games as surrounding middle school programs.

"The programs are overcrowded, and there aren't enough coaches, gym space, or field space," said Mr. James, who indicated that the program had been full-time previously, but that it had been reduced to part-time status approximately 10 years ago.

Receiving the funding necessary for such an addition, however, may prove to be a difficult obstacle.

"This is not a single, simple issue," said Dr. Kohn. "There are considerations of personnel, equipment, and facility costs, and this comes at a time when we will be losing the use of some of our fields and gym space due to our construction project."

"We cannot compete against other districts right now," stated Mr. James, who indicated a desire to have a full-time middle school program in place by September 2003. "We need to find the money in the budget to make that happen."

Whether or not the School Board immediately approves a full-time middle school program, Mr. James indicated that FOPA will continue to work with the School Board.

"Our number one mission is to help supplement the athletic budget for the Princeton Regional Schools," said Mr. James, who stated that over the last eight years, FOPA has donated more than \$100,000

to the district's athletic programs.

"We believe that our kids excel academically and excel artistically," he added. "Given the opportunity, we believe they will, without question, excel athletically."

According to Mr. James, FOPA's secondary goal is to work with the School Board and the administration to give the student-athletes the opportunity to excel athletically.

"We realize that academics is most important and should never be compromised," stated Mr. James. "We also believe that athletic excellence can complement academic achievement."

—David McNutt

Restored Farmhouse Is Opened for Tours

The Historical Society of West Windsor will hold open days during six Sundays at its headquarters, the Schenck House. This is located in Zaitz Park, Southfield Road, West Windsor.

The Schenck House will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. on January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, and June 8.

In 1991, Max Zaitz donated to the Historical Society of West Windsor the 1790-1830 farmhouse on Southfield Road. The framework of the house was sound, but it needed everything else restored or replaced. Now, Eleven years later, the restored house is open to the public.

Meetings of Book Group To Begin in February

The African American book group of the YWCA Princeton will hold its first meeting of the year on February 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the library of the YWCA.

Led by Cecelia Hodges, a professor, actor, producer, and writer, the group will discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, by Zora Neale Hurston.

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SCIENCE WIZARDS: Stuart Country Day School students recently recognized for their achievements in the sciences include, in back from left, Julianna Kunz of Princeton, Sofia Medina, Laurel Pellegrino, and Alexandra Tully of Princeton; and, in front from left, Anna Sylvan Jaffe, Tracy Statter, Kavita Mathews of Princeton, and Alexandra Pintchouk.

Stuart Girls Honored In Science and Math

Several students at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Princeton were recently recognized for their achievements in the field of the sciences.

Five upper school students received PROBE awards from the Rider University PROBE program, a high school outreach program designed to give students an out-of-doors laboratory experience.

Students are asked to develop a hypothesis and gather data in the field to support or refute that hypothesis. They synthesize the information and draw conclusions that are presented in a final, written report detailing the whole process. For the last three years, the program has focused upon biodiversity in marshland habitats.

"Much scientific work is done outside, in nature, and this gives students a chance to experience just what that is like," said Mary Allesio Leck, director of the PROBE program. "It also encourages them to think differently about the sciences and the natural world around them."

Approximately 200 students from area high schools participated in the one-day program. Award winners are selected on the basis of the quality of their research and their written report. Stuart

students received the following awards: Junior Laurel Pellegrino received a Second Place award; Juniors Sofia Medina and Alexandra Pintchouk both earned Third Place awards; Senior Tracy Statter and Juniors Kavita Mathews and Alexandra Tully each received an Honorable Mention.

Stuart students also made a mark in the Delaware Valley Science Council's 55th Annual Science and Mathematics Competition. Every year, high schools in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware are invited to send up to four seniors to represent them at the council's examinations given in October.

Students are ranked based on their combined scores from the two exams taken in selected areas that include biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics. Top-ranked students become finalists, who then go through an interview process with technical and scientific professionals at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia in January.

This year, 198 students from 60 schools participated in the competition, with a total of 48 finalists selected. Senior Julianna Kunz was among those named a Finalist, and Senior Anna Sylvan Jaffe received an Honorable Mention.

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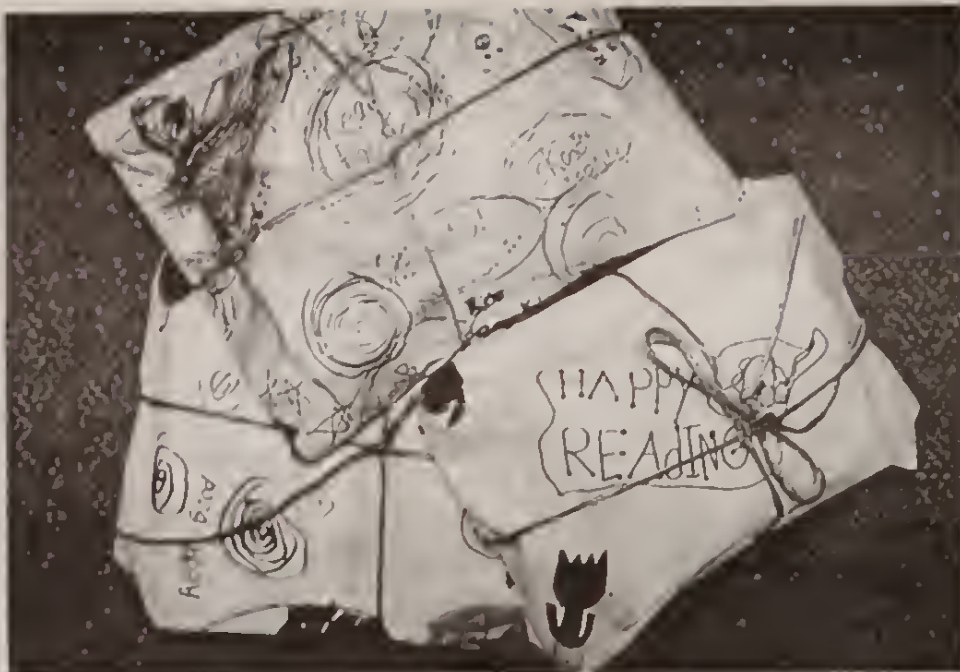


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Mayor Phyllis Marchand

Mayor Marchand to Chair "Tribute to Women"

Phyllis Marchand, Mayor of Princeton Township, has been named honorary chair of the YWCA Princeton's Tribute to Women 2003 Achievement Awards program.

Now in its 20th year, the national YWCA awards program honors women who have made significant contributions to their professions and communities in executive, entrepreneurial, professional, and/or elected roles. Honorees are women who live and/or work in the greater Princeton community and share the YWCA mission of empowering women, encouraging diversity, supporting families, and eliminating racism.

Nominations for a 2003 Tribute to Women award are being accepted by the YWCA until January 10. Nominees will be honored at the annual awards dinner at the Hyatt Regency Princeton on May 8.

To obtain a nomination form, or for more information, call (609) 497-2100, ext. 333, or visit hvanceleaf@ywcaprinceton.org.

Community Center Sets Open House for Nursery

The Ring Nursery and Full Day Kindergarten at the Jewish Community Center of the Delaware Valley has scheduled an open house for 2- to 5-year-olds and their parents from Monday, January 13, through Friday, January 24. The school offers a program of learning through play.

The school's facilities include a 43-acre campus, full gymnasium, large all-purpose room, classroom computers, and play porch. Programs include five-day, three-day and two-day sessions for full or half days. Before and after school care is also offered with programs starting for children as young as six months.

Open house hours are between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. or between 1 and 3 p.m. To make an appointment call Ring Nursery director Judy Basch at (609) 883-9550.

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Integrative Medicine — The Powerful Connection between Body, Mind and Spirit

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2003

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Location: Ground Floor Conference Room B, Princeton Hospital

Speaker: Patricia Graham, M.D.

Learn how to integrate body, mind and spirit to achieve a higher level of wellness. Dr. Graham will provide a model for integrating conventional medicine with complementary methods of movement therapy, acupuncture, guided imagery and meditation.

LIFESTEPS Weight Management

Date: Mondays January 6 — March 31, 2003

Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Lambert House, Classroom 3, Princeton Hospital

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American Cancer Society's "Fresh Start" Program — Make smoking cessation your #1 New Year's Resolution

Date: Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 28 and February 4, 2003

Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Ground Floor Conference Room B, Princeton Hospital

Fee: \$40

Speaker: Geri Karpiseak, RN, C - Coordinator Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation

A series of four classes for people who are trying to quit smoking. Receive information on methods of quitting, support and encouragement from others, and information on stress management.

Sinus Disorders and Allergies

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2003

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Location: Ground Floor Conference Room B, Princeton Hospital

Speaker: David Goldfarb, D.O.

Discussion of prevention and treatment of sinus disorders and allergies.

Osteoporosis — Risk Factors, Screening and Treatment

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2003

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Ground Floor Conference Room B, Princeton Hospital

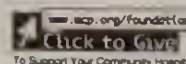
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Dr. Kennedy will review risk factors, screening and treatment options. New National Osteoporosis Foundation guidelines, exercise programs and reducing falls in the home will be discussed by Dr. Graham.



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Richard Kogan

NAMI Mercer to Explore Creativity, Disorders Link

In order to illustrate the mysterious connection between brain disorders and creativity, Richard Kogan, M.D., pianist and psychiatrist, will discuss Robert Schumann's life and play his music at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, in the Music Building at The College of New Jersey in Ewing.

The event will benefit the work of NAMI Mercer, the local affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, which serves the mentally ill and their families in Mercer County.

A renowned pianist and composer, Schumann was also a manic-depressive who suffered from bi-polar disorder. In 1840, one of his manic years, Schumann produced 24 compositions. In 1844, under severe depression, he produced none at all. In 1849, his output was 27, but in 1854 he attempted suicide. In 1858, without benefit of modern psychotropic drugs, Schumann died in an insane asylum.

Dr. Kogan is an internationally known concert pianist and orchestral soloist. He is also a psychiatrist with a private practice in New York City who serves as director of the Human Sexuality Program at New York Presbyterian-Weill-Cornell Medical Center.

He has performed regularly with cellist Yo-Yo Ma and violinist Lynn Chang, and he prepares lectures and performances exploring how composers such as Beethoven, Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Mozart, and Gershwin used their inner conflict, illness, and suffering as sources of inspiration.

Patrons will enjoy Dr. Kogan's insight into the romantic and sexual life of this famous composer. "Sex and music share a lot of the same elements: rhythm, harmony, fantasy and climax," he explained. "Bipolar disorder can magnify normal, human emotions into larger-than-life proportions. Schumann's music was an extremely important outlet that probably prolonged his life and gave it a much higher quality."

Tickets are \$35 for the concert alone and \$150 for the concert, cocktail reception, and dinner.

NAMI Mercer provides community educational programs, support groups, information, referral, and advocacy to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. Severe mental illness are biologically based brain disorders, which profoundly affect a person's ability to think

feel, and relate to the environment and other people. The consequent social stigma and family disruption are conditions NAMI is working to relieve.

For tickets or more information, contact the NAMI Mercer office, located at 88 Lakewood Drive in Lawrenceville, at (609) 777-9766 or write to [nightoutnami@aol.com](mailto:nami@aol.com).

Red Cross Bloodmobile Pays Three Local Visits

As part of an American Red Cross blood drive throughout central and southern New Jersey, the Red Cross Blood-

mobile will make three stops in Mercer County during the month of January.

On Thursday, January 9, donations will be taken in the first floor conference room of CUHSA, 211 Carnegie Center, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On January 10, donations will be taken at the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey office at 707 Alexander Road, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

And on January 11, donations will be taken at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 630 Alexander Road, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Most healthy people who weigh at least 110 pounds, and who are 17 or older, may donate blood. Federal regulations require that donors wait 56 days between donations.

Blood donors are asked to bring some form of identification. To learn more about donating blood, call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.pleasegiveblood.org.

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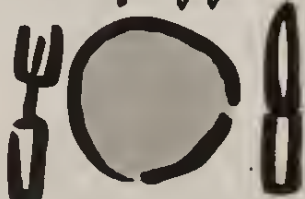
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Conference Set For Non-Profits At University

Community Works, an evening of workshops for volunteers, staff, and boards of non-profits, holds its sixth annual conference on Monday January 27. The event takes place at the Frist Campus Center of Princeton University from 5 to 9:15 p.m. and is sponsored by the University and the Rotary Club of Princeton.

"This conference is designed to enable members of boards, staff, and volunteers in the non-profit community to work together more effectively by developing skills, building partnerships, and networking," said Community Works founder/organizer Marge Smith. "Community Works empowers non-profit staff and volunteers to gain skills and expand their awareness of the multiple needs that nonprofits meet."

The conference begins with a keynote address by New Jersey Secretary of State Regina L. Thomas on the lower level of Frist Campus Center. In addition to oversight of operating agencies that include historical, arts and cultural programs, she also plays a hands-on role in numerous quality of life programs that address critical needs in the community.

Pre-registration is strongly suggested as many workshops fill up in advance. The list of workshops is in the registration form at www.princetonol.com/groups/index.shtml. Conference attendees will choose two from 19 workshops on a wide variety of topics, including "How to ask for money in tough times," "Writing a better grant or proposal," and "Get your picture in the paper."

Registration is \$25 (payable by check made out to Rotary Club of Princeton) and includes a box supper that

will be distributed at the beginning of the evening to be taken to workshops after the keynote address. More information and registration forms, due by January 20, are available online at www.princetonol.com/groups/index.shtml. Late registrations may be faxed in, and then paid by check at the conference. For more information or to obtain a registration form by email or fax call Marge Smith at (609) 924-8652 or email misprin@aol.com.

Pennington School Hosts Annual Holiday Dinner

The annual holiday party and dinner for the homeless at the Pennington School, held on December 14, was the school's capping event of a holiday season in which members of the community focused on those people less fortunate than themselves.

Approximately 300 homeless adults and children, clients of HomeFront, arrived at midday for the festivities, which included a turkey dinner, music, crafts, and a visit with Santa for the children. Within the last month, the school participated in drives to collect food, clothing, and gifts as well as fund-raising projects to supplement them.

In the last decade, the holiday party has become an anticipated hallmark of the season at the school, said Dean of Students Thomas E. Llwosz, who coordinated the volunteer effort.

Under the leadership of senior class Peer Leaders and their faculty advisors Erin O'Connell and Rick Ritter, students, faculty, and staff bought and gift-wrapped new toys and other presents for children of all ages, providing the gifts that Santa distributed.

The entire school community collected nearly new winter coats for adults and children, and Beverly Tucker, executive assistant to the headmaster, coordinated a Christmas "giving tree" decorated with new gloves and hats.

In preparation for the event, Pennington's Peer Leaders were also educated about the issue of homelessness through research about statistics for Mercer County and such projects as delivering a meal to homeless families at shelters.

"This year, more and more working families are homeless because the cost of rent is so high," said HomeFront director Connie Mercer, "so we're especially appreciative of Pennington's great party."

A "dress down day" in late November also provided funds that school receptionist Patricia Tunney took to the Burlington Coat Factory in Burlington. There, the children's department manager authorized discounts that made it possible for Ms. Tunney to return to the school with 30 new children's coats.

"I remember last year, when the party was on a very cold day," said Ms. Tunney. "A couple of kids came in wearing just windbreakers; they were shivering before we got them some coats. The need is there."

Local Fare

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Hungarian Mushroom Chowder

(inspired by the original *Moosewood Cookbook*)

Serves 5-6

- 1 oz. dried porcini or cèpes mushrooms
- 2 cups warm water
- 4 tbsp. (½ stick) butter
- 2 cups onions, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup celery, cut into ½-inch slices
- 1 sweet red bell pepper, cut into ½-inch pieces

- 1 tbsp. sweet Hungarian paprika*
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced ¼-inch thick
- 4-6 tsp. tamari or good soy sauce
- 2 tsp. dill weed
- 3 tbsp. flour
- 1 cup skim milk

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
Several dashes cayenne

- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- ¼ cup sour cream or plain yogurt (if you use yogurt, use just 1 tsp. or less of lemon juice)
- 2 tbsp. minced fresh parsley

Soak dried mushrooms in warm water for 30 minutes. Carefully scoop out re-hydrated mushrooms, squeezing excess liquid back into soaking liquid, and chop mushrooms. Save liquid and set aside chopped mushrooms.

Meanwhile, place half the butter, all the onion, celery and bell pepper in large skillet, cover and cook over medium heat until onion is translucent, adding just a little water if necessary to keep from sticking. Remove cover, add paprika and cook until vegetables start to caramelize.

Add garlic and cook about 30 seconds but don't let brown. Add both fresh and re-hydrated mushrooms, ½ cup of the mushroom soaking liquid (pouring it out very carefully to not let any of the dirt in the bottom get into the soup), tamari and dill. Simmer, covered, 10-15 minutes to let flavors blend.

Meanwhile, melt remaining butter in large pot set over medium heat. Add flour and whisk to blend into a roux. Cook until light golden and until it smells nutty, a little like cooked pie crust. Whisk in milk, season with salt, pepper and cayenne, and cook until smooth and thickened. Add remaining mushroom soaking liquid and stir. Wait a minute or so until thickened a little.

Add mushroom mixture and simmer 10 minutes. Add lemon juice and sour cream or yogurt. Simmer another 10 minutes and taste for seasoning. (If you like spicy foods, you may even want to add a dash of liquid hot pepper sauce.) Serve topped with parsley.

Note: If you do not have or do not want to use dried porcini, substitute 2 cups vegetable stock, 1 cup stock and one cup tomato juice, or even water for the dried mushroom liquid.

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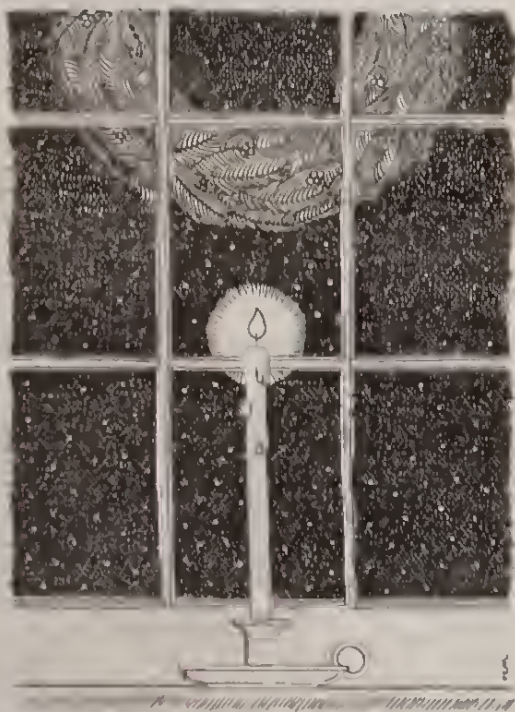


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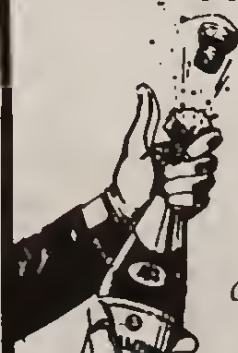
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MAILBOX

Princeton Arts Council is Congratulated On Scaling Back Original Building Design

To the Editor:

Applause to the Princeton Arts Council for meeting with the neighbors to discuss their expansion plans, asking their architect to return to the drawing board, and scaling back the original building design to address community concerns. It still has to be approved by the Planning Board but the redesign shows that the Arts Council is listening with open ears to the surrounding neighbors.

Borough Council should take some notes on this process. Borough Council had the opportunity to engage the public on the downtown development project, but blew it big time. Yes, the public was allowed to comment at Borough Council meetings but in the end no changes have been made (to the 500+ space parking garage) that address the many legitimate concerns brought up by the public at these meetings. Instead, the citizens are saddled with a project that is close to being approved with many lingering unanswered questions such as utilization of the garage, short-term impacts to downtown businesses, financing, circulation issues, extent of contamination, secondary impacts, and the list goes on.

It is a given that a developer will ask for the moon and the stars by proposing maximum build-out on a project to optimize his profits, but that doesn't mean Borough Council has to accept the design. Let's hope there is still time to scale back on this project before it is built. At stake are the future character and dynamics of our community.

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Pettoranello Foundation Was Omitted From List of Contributors to Benefit

To the Editor:

In a recent letter to Town Topics (December 18 Issue) from the president and co-chairs of the 2002 benefit affair of the Historical Society of Princeton thanking 51 individually listed organizations, businesses, and personal contributors, the Princeton Pettoranello Foundation was not listed in this group of recognition.

I would like it to be known that this foundation, in its eagerness to support the Princeton Historical Society, reserved a half-page space in the program booklet for an ad devoted to the honorees of the event.

The Princeton Pettoranello Foundation has always supported the Historical Society and other community endeavors as well as receiving their support in kind.

It is one thing if this was an error of omission, however, if the Princeton Pettoranello Foundation was one of many who were not recognized for their support, then it was in poor taste to publicly list only a portion of those who supported the event.

PHILIP P. PORADO
Trustee, Princeton Pettoranello Foundation
Valley Road

Reader Hopes Loft Theater Expansion Will Include an Increase in Size of Stage

To the Editor:

What a shame that the Princeton Arts Council finally felt compelled to drop the plan for a larger 200-seat theater space from their building expansion and renovation project. It could have provided an attractive venue for community theater and performance groups. Many of our neighboring communities, in spite of not possessing our rich cultural heritage, seem to be much more active in this respect than Princeton.

Hopefully, the plans to renovate the existing Loft Theater will still manage to include some increase in the size of the current, pocket-size stage.

It is ironic that concurrent with the Art Council's retreat after a two-year effort, the downtown redevelopment project seems on the verge of obtaining full steam ahead approval. But then commercial aspirations do, in general, seem to pack a bit more clout than cultural ones.

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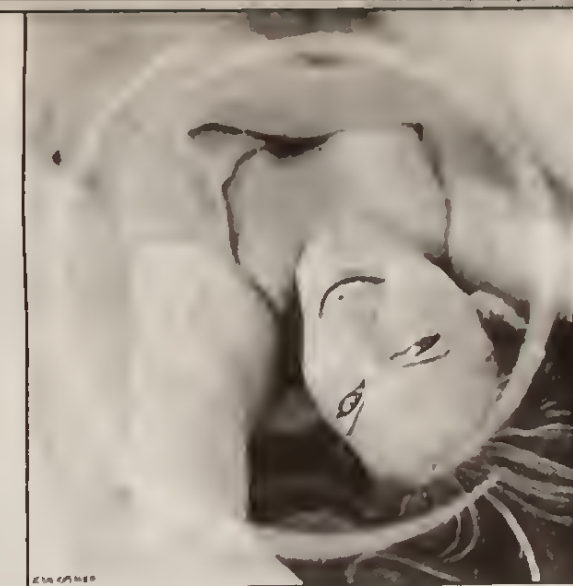
Nautilus Notes



This month, Princeton Junior School has played its usual symphony of seasonal sounds: the telling of the great stories germinal to holy days, the singing of songs and recitation of poetry, the munching of special treats and the packing of snow. Darkness falling early, we have welcomed the lights that nature gives us: the sun, the moon and the stars. We have illuminated our homes and sacred spaces with candlelight. Let us all light our inner hearths during this holy season and invite all children to warm themselves thereby.



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"NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS"

By the Rev. Peter K. Stimpson



The Rev. Peter K. Stimpson

QUESTION: What's the use in making New Year's resolutions? I make them on the 1st and break them on the 2nd!

ANSWER: Hey, don't be so optimistic! Many people make them on the 1st and break them on the 1st. But, does that mean you should never make a New Year's resolution? No.

Happiness is a process, not a product. It is not something you buy on sale at Macy's, but something you work on each day of your life. When I was young, I thought that just over the hill were all these "normal" people, and that some day I would grow up and be like them. I assumed that would be when I turned 18, but on my eighteenth birthday, I felt just as insecure as ever. So, I imagined that it must occur at age 21, or maybe 25. Certainly, no later than 40! Well, I am 56 and still have not gone through that magic door.

As you might guess, there is no magic door, and there are no normal people. We all feel insecure. Oh, some hide under a mask of superiority, and manage to fool a great number of us. But, the truth is that they are the most insecure of all.

What all of this boils down to is that your growth is an ongoing process. While we try not to see this process as a daily drudgery, we admittedly get stuck walking down the path of life. So, we need to rekindle the fire, helping ourselves get back on track. To do this, we use various points in our year to check on how we are doing and to restart our engines. Some of us use Advent or Lent, others use birthdays or anniversaries, and still others use the beginning of a New Year.

Therefore, New Year's resolutions are a good idea. However, if you think that your new start is to wipe your slate clean and begin all over again, then you have missed the point. You build on the foundation of your inner strengths, polishing "the diamond in the rough" that you were into the gem that you can be. You will never be "normal" or "perfect", as these states do not exist. But you can be more and more happy as you become more and more like Christ. So, make your New Year's resolution, and, when you slip and break it, pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and keep on going.

This Wellness column is funded through the generosity of a grant from the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trusts. If you would like Father Stimpson to answer a question of yours on family life, daily living or emotional health, you can write to him at: Trinity Counseling Service, 22 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Trinity Counseling Service provides clinical or pastoral counseling on a sliding fee scale for all who need help and support. Phone Trinity Counseling Service at 609-924-0060 to set an appointment.

Library and Johnson Park Are Thanked For Outreach to St. Francis Hospital

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Emergency Department at St. Francis Medical Center, we would like to thank the Princeton Public Library and Johnson Park Elementary School for their generous donation of children's books to our Emergency Department. Frequently, our Emergency Department is the destination for indigent children and families whose health requires immediate attention. Books are a wonderful source of comfort and distraction for many of these children and families. A number of the books are in Spanish, which are of particular help to our Latino communities.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the 4th graders at Johnson Park Elementary School who sorted the books and to the families of Johnson Park who coordinated and donated the books. They have made a real contribution to Trenton's children and families. Once again, many thanks for your generosity.

JUDITH M. PERSICILLI
President and CEO
JOY BROOK
Emergency Room Nurse

Citizens' Group Is Collecting Signatures Of People Opposed to Garage Complex

This is a copy of a letter sent to Borough Mayor Marvin Reed.

The 20 days that the citizens have to collect signatures upon a petition to oppose your bonding of the garage complex began with publication last Saturday, December 21 in the Trenton Times. Thank you for failing to alert the public through the local press to the timetable. Now, once again, your very own citizens might not be able to exercise their rights.

It was difficult to collect signatures in the 90 degree heat of Princeton's past August. Nevertheless, 640 were collected, which satisfied the required number for a referendum to be placed on the November election ballot that was promptly neglected by you and Council. This time only 370 are needed based on the 15 percent of the registered voters in the last general assembly election of 2001. We intend once again to collect them to prove a point, that the citizens of this Borough demand a direct voice in the approval or disapproval of the garage complex, the biggest project in our town since Palmer Square.

Signatures will be collected once again, door to door this time during the cold of winter. We have confidence that the community-wide survey is correct: that 72 percent want the current plans abandoned or totally revised. The question is simple. Do you, registered voters, want to finance 13 million plus for a project you said you didn't want when you signed the petition last summer.

As Concerned Citizens we've tried to get the Borough officials to revise their plans. We've offered workable alternatives that preserve the town's character rather than the proposed 5.5 story massive garage, and now, a 6.5 story apartment house (revealed at the recent Planning Board meeting) that denies all of us our downtown shops and services and severely changes the character of Princeton from a town to a city. Even the merchants don't want it.

The alternatives have never been properly considered, even the last one that Council promised to hear and provide a garage expert, Mr. Haas, to review with the citizens, was left unreviewed except by the proposed developer who has a conflict of interest. The expert was never heard from nor did Council reconvene to hear it.

The citizens will take to the streets once more to prove you wrong again by collecting the petitions. Registered Borough voters may vote at 13 Vandeventer Avenue through January 9, by calling first 924-2558 and/or through petitioners going door to door, or at Borough Hall date(s) to be announced.

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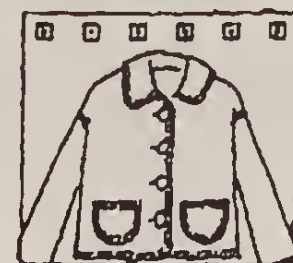
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How do players improve their game? This week's article will focus on study techniques and training devices. My students are always asking me what they should be doing when they're not having a lesson with me or playing in a tournament.

In our technologically advanced world, there are plenty of resources that can be tapped. There are sites online that contain advice as well as analyzed games that one would benefit from playing over. Links to several different chess sites can be found at www.chesscafe.com as well as www.uschess.org. The question is then raised: what do we do with the information that we find?

Just playing over the games is not enough. Players have the tendency to play quickly through the games, occasionally glancing at the commentator's notes, but only carefully considering the position when the flashy tactic or brilliancy appears. This is a habit you must break! Pick the side, black or white, that you would most likely play in the opening featured in that game. Now, make the opponent's moves quickly, but stop every time it's "your" turn and calculate the continuations that you would consider playing. Writing them down also helps. But what if you think that your idea was better than what was played. How can you tell for sure?

Computer programs. There are several available on the market, including software for your PC as well as computer-controlled boards. The two most popular software programs are Book-Up and Chessbase. They both offer the ability to create databases of your games and to access the advice of Fritz 7, a great A.I. (artificial intelligence) chess player that will evaluate a position and calculate more than a dozen moves ahead. The best program in the form of a board is Excalibur Electronic's Electronic Grandmaster. Today's featured game is one that I played recently against this computer



Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

(setting: 85). I gradually increase my spatial advantage while limiting the computer's bishop pair and creating support points for my knights. My central pawn formation restrains its pieces while providing me with more maneuverability. Black's defensive forces become distracted on the queenside and the position clearly calls for a kingside breakthrough. 33.Rxg6+!! and 35.Rxf8+! provide a colorful conclusion that converts my clear positional advantage into a win.

Lieberman, C. - EGM (85)
December 21, 2002

1.e4	c5
2.Nc3	Nc6
3.g3	Nf6
4.Bg2	d6
5.Nge2	e5
6.d3	vBe7
7.0-0	0-0
8.h3	Be6
9.f4	Qb6
10.Be3	exf4
11.gxf4	Nd4
12.Rb1	a5
13.a4	Rfe8
14.Bxd4	cxg4
15.Nb5	Bd7
16.Nbxd4	Bxa4
17.Qd2	Rac8
18.c3	Bd7
19.Kh1	Rc5
20.Ng3	g6
21.f5	Rec8
22.Nde2	Rb5
23.d4	Kg7
24.d5	Rbc5
25.Nd4	Bb5
26.Rg1	Nd7
27.Bf1	Bc4
28.Bxc4	Rxc4
29.Rbf1	Kf8
30.fxg6	hxg6
31.Qh6+!!	Kg8
32.Nh5!	Bf8
33.Rxg6+!!	fxg6
34.Qxg6+	Kh8
35.Rxf8+!	Black resigns

Solution:
#9/6 2.
Rxg8+

CLUBS

The Princeton Church of Christ has scheduled three divorce recovery activities during January.

A divorce recovery support group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Friday January 3, and Friday January 24, for open discussions.

A divorce recovery seminar will be held Friday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m., to discuss "Dealing with Your Ex-Spouse."

All groups are free, and will meet at the Princeton Church of Christ, 33 River Road. Those needing child care should call (609) 581-3889 for details.

The Astrological Society of Princeton will hold its annual "Members Day" meeting at Educational Testing Service's Conant Hall on Sunday January 5, at 2:30 p.m. Two members of the society will offer presentations on astrological topics.

A social hour will follow the lectures. The public is welcome.

Those planning to attend should use the rear entrance to ETS at the intersection of Rosedale and Carter Roads.

A donation is requested at the door.

For further information call (609) 924-4311.

The Princeton Breast Institute has scheduled breast cancer support meetings on January 6, January 20, February 3 and February 17. The meetings are held at the Institute's office at 842 State Road.

For more information call (609) 924-1528.

Mayor Phyllis Marchand To Speak to Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Princeton will learn about "A Day in the Life of the Mayor" when Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand addresses the club at its meeting on January 7 at the Nassau Inn.

"Mayor Marchand exemplifies the Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self,'" said Rotary Club President Marcia Bosart.

Ms. Marchand is currently serving her sixth consecutive three-year term as an elected Princeton official, and seventh year as mayor. She is a board member of Mercer County Cancer Care and New Jersey Race for the Cure, a representative of the New Jersey League of Municipalities, a member of the Princeton Regional Planning Board, advisor to the State Site Improvement Advisory Board, and board member of the Mercer Council on Drug and Alcohol Addiction.

She is also a wife, mother of three, and marathon runner.

How does she find the time? That question and others will be answered at the meeting.

The Rotary Club's weekly meetings are open to Rotarians, their guests, prospective Rotarians and anyone interested in learning more about Rotary. Cost of the lunch is \$18.



LIVING MANGER: A curious goat mingles with figurines in St. Paul's annual manger display on Sunday.
(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)



FURRY FRIENDS: Joven, a bearded collie, belonging to Lena and Sasha Sokol of Princeton, gets to know a miniature donkey Sunday at St. Paul's manger, which includes live animals as well as figurines.
(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce will hear an address by Adam Pechter, CEO of Prosperity New Jersey, at its January 9 luncheon meeting at the Doral Forrester. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Pechter was tapped by Gov. James McGreevey to lead Prosperity New Jersey earlier this year. He will discuss Prosperity New Jersey's mission and the competitive-

ness of the state's pharmaceutical, medical technology and biotechnology industries.

Cost to attend the luncheon is \$30 for Chamber members and \$35 for guests. For reservations call (609) 520-1776.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE: As a community service project, the seventh grade at Princeton Charter School collected personal care products to be boxed and wrapped for the holidays. The boxes are distributed to area families by the school's lobby. **HOLIDAY GIVING:** The Chapin School Student Council coordinated a school-wide collection of gloves, hats, scarves, and toys to decorate the tree in the school's lobby. Salvation Army Commanding Officer Charles Balcom came to Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton. Shown, from left, are: Steven Greve, David Douge, Kathy Altamirano, Dianna Goodman, and Madeline Glickman. seventh grader Christopher Littauer of Princeton. Meru Bhanot waves from the background.

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State Museum Schedules "Super Science Weekend"

The 23rd annual "Super Science Weekend," a program of the New Jersey State Museum, will be held Saturday, January 11, and Sunday, January 12. "It is the Museum's extravaganza of science education, exploration, and fun," said Anthony Miskowski, the museum's assistant curator of natural history.

Museum activities include exhibits, do-it-yourself experiments, 35 hands-on workshops, theater presentations, lectures, planetarium programs, laser-light shows, live animal displays, chemical magic shows and other demonstrations.

Members of the science community from throughout the Delaware Valley area will guide the activities and answer questions.

Program highlights include:

"Dino-Safari for Kids," in which the audience will time-travel back to a Mesozoic swamp to learn about dinosaurs; Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and Sunday at noon.

"Mr. Fish's Phenomenal Physics," in which a circus performer presents astounding tricks to explain inertia, friction, velocity and aerodynamics; Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; "The Wizards of Chemistry," featuring science magic based on chemical reactions; Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; "The Search for Life in the Universe," hosted by Leonard Nimoy; Saturday at 10 a.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.; and "Laser Space Files: The 3-D Chase," an astronomical experience for "children of all ages;" Saturday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at noon.

Hours for "Super Science Weekend 2003" are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is free. Auditorium presentations are \$1 per person, and planetarium tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12.

For more information call (609) 292-6464 or visit www.newjerseystatemuseum.org.

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Suspect Charged In Purse Robbery On Christmas Eve

A 24-year old Spruce Street resident, Joseph J. Dey, was arrested in Trenton on December 29 for a robbery that took place in Princeton on December 24. The suspect allegedly used physical force to steal the purse of a 28-year-old Township resident wife she was walking on Nassau Street. After stealing the purse, which was valued at \$90 with its contents, he fled to a waiting automobile and drove away.

The accused was turned over by Trenton police to police in Princeton, then committed to County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

Bonnie & Clyde?

A Princeton couple, described by police as boyfriend and girlfriend, were arrested December 19 and charged with theft of the cash register at Princeton Video Store in the Princeton Shopping Center that evening. Scott Martin, 24, of Heather Lane, allegedly removed an unknown amount of cash from the video store's register while his accomplice, Jean Montgomery, 19, of Deerpath Road, allegedly distracted a store employee.

The couple was also charged with other offenses. Both were charged with being under the influence of controlled dangerous substances; Mr. Martin was additionally charged with complicity to theft, driving while intoxicated, possession of controlled dangerous substances, tampering with evidence and destruction of evidence. The two were apprehended in their vehicle after a county-wide crime alert had been broadcast for them. They were served with criminal complaints before being released on their own recognizance into the custody of a mutual friend.

Two Princeton men, both Leigh Avenue residents, were involved in a fist fight December 21 that led to one being treated at Princeton Medical Center, the other charged with aggravated assault.

Timothy Best, 34, was charged with assault after allegedly punching Jose Wahlung, 30, twice in the face. The confrontation arose after Best's 11-year-old son alleged that he had been harassed by Mr. Wahlung at Lupita's Store on Leigh Avenue. Mr. Wahlung was treated for severe facial lacerations and released. Mr. Best was released from custody after posting \$250 bail. The incident is still under investigation.

DWI

Harry R. Eelman, 19, of Prospect Avenue, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated after his automobile was found off the roadway on Quaker Road

after 2 a.m. on December 21. Four passengers in the vehicle were also charged with underage drinking--Zion Smith, 19; Brian Rayfield, 19; Jack Eelman, 18; and an unidentified 15-year-old male, all from Princeton.

Purejav Gongor, of Plainsboro, was arrested December 22 for driving while intoxicated on Nassau Street, and subsequently charged with the additional offense of driving the vehicle without the owner's permission. He was served with two summonses and released.

Shoplifting Incident

The Talbots clothing store on Nassau Street was the scene of a shoplifting incident and arrest December 29. Elaine Rhames, 25, of Trenton, was charged with possession of property stolen from Talbots and the Smith Bros. store, also on Nassau Street. She was released with complaints.

A 52-year-old Princeton resident reported the theft of her wallet, containing her credit cards, from Princeton University's Wallace Hall on December 23. The credit cards were subsequently used to purchase several thousand dollars worth of merchandise in West Windsor and Lawrence Township malls. Police described the suspects as two white women, the first 30-40 years of age with decaying teeth, the second 5'5 with blond hair.

Christmas Theft

A 29-year-old Redding Circle resident was the victim of an attempted theft on Christmas Day, when another Redding Circle resident allegedly stole her briefcase from her unlocked car.

The robbery suspect, Andre Lopez, 41, allegedly struck the victim, knocking her to the ground, after she had accosted him and demanded the return of her briefcase. He then fled on foot, permitting police to track his footprints in the snow to his residence, where he was arrested and charged with robbery. The briefcase and its contents, valued at \$5,500, were subsequently recovered from a nearby dumpster.

The accused was remanded to Mercer County Corrections Center in lieu of bail, which was set at \$5,000.

"The Pond in Winter" Offered by Watershed

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association in Hopewell Township is offering "The Pond in Winter" for adults and families (children 8 and older), on Saturday, January 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Participants will take an exploratory walk at the Watershed pond and learn first hand what winter means to aquatic and terrestrial organisms. They will examine the dried plants that were once wetland and upland wildflowers, and observe winter birds foraging. Weather permitting, participants will also look into the frigid waters of the pond to see what is happening.

Registration is required by January 11 and enrollment is limited. The fee is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. For more information or to register call (609) 737-7592.

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is located at 31 Titus Mill Road in Hopewell.

Human Resources Head Named by University

Maureen Nash, a human resources professional with more than 20 years of experience in the field, has been named vice president for human resources at Princeton University. Her appointment is effective January 1.

Ms. Nash was most recently vice president for learning and development at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Princeton. Prior to joining BMS in 1999, she led human resources for two businesses at Fidelity Investments in Boston and in Tokyo. She also directed organizational effectiveness, development and training at two divisions of Johnson & Johnson.

Ms. Nash will succeed Joan Doig, vice president for human resources since 1996, who retired last December.



ESL VOLUNTEERS: New and experienced volunteers for the YWCA Princeton's English as a Second Language program met recently at a training session on the latest teaching techniques. They work closely with students who are learning to speak, read, and write English, or improve existing skills. Seated, from left, are Billie Elcher, Bobbi Feinblatt, and Brittany Davis of Princeton, and Nat Hartshorne of Blawenburg. Standing, from left, are Chris Hanson, Archana Nimgaonkar, and program managers Louise Sandburg and Karen Longo-Baldwin of Princeton, and Ruth Schreib of Lambertville.



THE TARTAN TONES: Stuart Country Day School's premiere singing ensemble celebrates the season with their annual holiday concert. Pictured from left to right are: Katharine Thompson of Princeton, Chanello Doryumu of Kendall Park, Laurel Pellegrino of Lambertville, Sara Sarmiento of Princeton, Molly Preston of Princeton, Jessica Harris of Princeton.

Daniel Scheiner, a staff member of the University's human resources department since 1988, has been serving as acting vice president. He will return to his former position as director of human resources operations, compensation, benefits and systems.

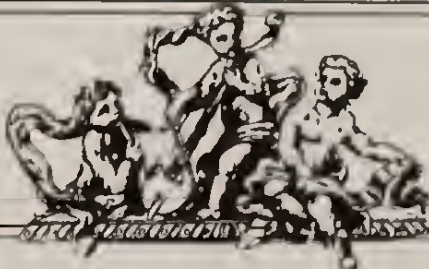
"Maureen Nash is an outstanding human resources

executive with deep experience in organization and management development and organizational learning."

Ms. Nash earned a bachelor's degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University. She also holds a master's degree in human resource education from Boston University and a master's degree in human development from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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"Handel Fest" Opens Dryden Ensemble New Year

The Dryden Ensemble will open the new year with two "Handel Fest" concerts on January 11 and January 12.

The ensemble will perform on Saturday, January 11, at 8 p.m. in Miller Chapel on the Princeton Theological Seminary campus; and on Sunday, January 12, at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Oakland Avenue and Pine Street, in Doylestown, Pa.

The program celebrates the music of George Frederick Handel, with two cantatas from Handel's early period in Italy as well as instrumental works from his London period. The cantatas *Tu fedel? Tu costante?* and *Crudel tiranno Amor*, scored for voice, oboes, and strings, will feature mezzo-soprano Barbara Hollinshead, one of the Washington area's best-known interpreters of baroque music.

The instrumental ensemble of oboes and strings will be highlighted in the *Concerto in G Minor*, the *Concerto Grosso in D Minor*, and a *Passacaille* from Handel's Opus 5 collection. The program concludes with two arias from Handel's opera *Rodamonte*.

Tickets for the Princeton concert are \$22 and \$18 (students and seniors), and are available at Micawber Books and Bowhe and Pearce through January 11. Doylestown tickets are \$20 and \$16 (students and seniors), and will be available at the door.

For further information call (609) 466-8541.



ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS: Performing on period instruments, the members of the Dryden Ensemble include, from left, Webb Wiggins, harpsichord; Jane McKinley and Julie Brye, oboes; Rachel Evans, violin; and Lisa Terry, violoncello.

Performances Scheduled Of Baroque Opera

The Princeton University Opera Theater will offer free performances on Friday, January 10, and Saturday, January 11, at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium of Francesco Cavalli's opera *Lo Calisto*. The production will be staged by Christopher Mattaliano, who has directed operas at the Metropolitan Opera, San Francisco Opera, and New York City Opera. His teaching credits include Juilliard and Yale University.

The performances will be conducted by Michael Pratt, currently celebrating his 25th year as conductor of the Princeton University Orchestra and director of the University Opera Theater.

The cast is made up of students enrolled in Music 214, Projects in Vocal Performance. Several of these students are participants in the Music Department's Program in Music Performance. Members of the University Orchestra will accompany the cast. The performances will be sung in Italian.

The opera, which premiered in Venice in 1651, draws its story from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. It tells the story of how Callisto, an innocent maiden and follower of the goddess Diana, was seduced by Jove (Jupiter), the ruler of the gods. Unable to gain Callisto's confidence in his normal guise, he transforms his appearance into that of Diana, and thus seduces her. Jove's wife Juno takes her revenge on Callisto by transforming her into a bear. Jove then declares that Callisto shall live in the heavens for eternity, where she becomes the constellation Ursa Major, the Great Bear.

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Admission to the performances is free, with no tickets required.

Auditions Being Held For "Damn Yankees"

Auditions for *Damn Yankees*, a production of Playful Theatre Productions, will be held Saturday, January 11, from noon to 5 p.m., with call backs Sunday, January

12, from 1 to 5 p.m. All parts are open.

Auditions and performances will be at Kelsey Theatre, on the West Windsor campus of Mercer County Community College.

Singers should prepare 16 bars of a show tune and bring sheet music to the audition. Accompaniment will be provided. Dancers should be prepared for a dance audition. Several mature roles plus non-singing and non-dancing roles are also available.

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NEW YEAR'S PERFORMANCE: Members of Compagnie Creation D perform one of their dance works. The company, as part of the Princeton-based artists collective Arts and Community for Peace, will be participating in a music and dance event celebrating the new year on January 4 at the American Repertory Ballet's Princeton Ballet School. Shown are, from left, Eri Milrod, Jamuna Dasi, Helena Froehlich, and Caroyn Biondi.

Opera Festival Sets A Winter Benefit

In honor of the Opera Festival of New Jersey's 20th anniversary season, the Board of Trustees is hosting "A Russian Winterfest" on Saturday, February 8, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency, Princeton.

U.S. Rep. Rush Holt and his wife, Dr. Margaret Lancefield, are serving as honorary chairs of this year's winter benefit. This event will pay special tribute to the founders of the Opera Festival of New

Jersey: John A. Ellis, Michael Pratt, and Peter Westergaard, and to its founding sponsor, Merrill Lynch.

The Benefit Committee, chaired by Trustee Diane Parks, has arranged an evening that will include a cocktail reception, a silent and cried auction, dinner, entertainment - featuring

mezzo-soprano Margaret Latimore who was last season's Rosina in *The Barber of Seville* - and dancing to the music of Star Chase. The cost is \$225 per person.

There will also be a VIP Theatre.

The cost for this plus the evening's other offerings is \$500 per person.

For reservations, call Vera Dowd, director of special events, at 609-919-1003, ext. 107.

Rossini's *L'Italiana in Algeri*, Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*, and Berg's *Wozzeck* will be in repertory for the 20th anniversary season, which will run from June 29 through July 19 at McCarter

Artists Collective's Event Will Celebrate New Year

The Arts and Community for Peace, a Princeton-based artists collective, will present a music and dance event celebrating the new year on January 4 at 8 p.m. at the American Repertory Ballet's Princeton Ballet School.

As part of the evening's theme — peace in the world and peace of mind — Compagnie Creation D, directed by Helena Froehlich, and Espanola de Princeton, directed by Alma Concepcion, will present excerpts of their repertory.

The dance program will include the works *Beyond*, *Art E-motion*, and *Imagine* by Compagnie Creation D. Mila Fursik will play piano works by Beethoven and Schubert.

Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$10. A discount rate of \$5 is available for children under 12 and company members and staff of the Princeton Ballet School.

Portions of the proceeds will be donated to the Coalition for Peace Action and International children's organizations. The event is sponsored by Mary Pat Robertson and the Princeton Ballet Society, the Coalition for Peace Action, and Arts and Community for Peace.

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BENEFIT PLANNERS: Opera Festival of New Jersey will offer its Winter Benefit - "A Russian Winterfest" - on Saturday, February 8, at the Hyatt Regency, Princeton. Members of the Benefit Committee, (are, standing, from left, Nancy Sheffler, Adrienne Rubin, David Brown, Marion O'Connor, Helene Kulsrud, and Vera Dowd; seated Diane W. Parks, benefit chair, Janice Gross, and Sharon Saatsoglou.

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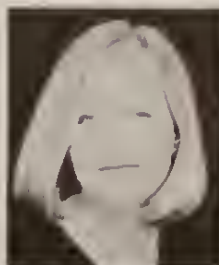
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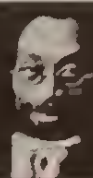
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Thurs., Jan. 2: 3:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

AT THE CINEMA

Analyze That (R) Sequel to the 1999 comedy *Analyze This*, with Robert DeNiro as the gangster and Billy Crystal as his analyst, is more violent than the original.

Catch Me if You Can (PG-13) The true story of a master 1960s con man and impersonator (Leonardo DiCaprio), pursued for years by a dogged FBI agent (Tom Hanks). From Steven Spielberg, and worth catching.

Die Another Day (PG-13) Filled with gadgets, action and one-liners, the 20th James Bond film has Pierce Brosnan back as 007, Halle Berry as the heroine.

The Emperor's Club (PG-13) An inspiring prep school classics teacher (Kevin Kline) must deal with a trouble-making student (Emile Hirsch).

Evelyn (PG) Fact-based story of an intermittently employed Irish father (Pierce Brosnan), deserted by his wife, who loses his children to orphanages, then takes on the government and the Catholic Church to win them back. The landmark 1953 custody case changed Irish law.

Far from Heaven (PG-13) Drama set in 1950s about forbidden love—the husband's homosexuality, his wife's interracial attraction. With Dennis Quaid and Julianne Moore as the couple, Dennis Haysbert as their gardener.

Frida (R) Biography of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo stars Salma Hayek in lead role, Alfred Molina as muralist Diego Rivera. With Edward Norton, Geoffrey Rush and Antonio Banderas.

Gangs of New York (R) Martin Scorsese's long-awaited film about vengeance, political corruption and religious strife in mid-19th century Manhattan stars Leonardo DiCaprio as an Irish gang leader, Liam Neeson as his father, Cameron Diaz as his girlfriend, and Daniel Day-Lewis as his villainous rival. It arrives with Oscar buzz.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) Harry is back at Hogwarts in the second of seven planned films based on the popular J.K. Rowling series.

The Hot Chick (PG-13) A mystical spell causes a high school cheerleader (Rachel McAdams) to switch bodies with a petty criminal (Rob Schneider), bringing expected pratfalls and sexual humor.

Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) Second installment in the *Rings* trilogy offers three more hours of the effects-filled and action-packed adventures of the Hobbits, Uruks, Orcs and Ents.

Maid in Manhattan (PG-13) Mistaken identity is added to the Cinderella fable to propel this romantic comedy about mismatched lovers: a hotel maid (Jennifer Lopez) and an ambitious politician (Ralph Fiennes).

Rabbit-Proof Fence (PG) True story of three Australian girls who are taken from their Aborigine mothers in a 1930s government program, then escape to make the 1,200-mile trek home on foot.

Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) The garment factory or college? An overweight Mexican-American high school graduate (America Ferrera) battles her mother (Lupe Ontiveros) over her future.

Santa Clause 2 (G) Sequel to 1994 family comedy requires that Santa (Tim Allen) remarry.

Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13) Tenth film in the series takes the starship Enterprise to Romulus, where space battles await.

Treasure Planet (PG) Computer-animated update of *Treasure Island* adventure features robots, cyborgs and strange space creatures in imaginative family film.

Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant play political opposites in unsurprising romantic comedy.

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Real Women Have Curves (PG-13): Tues.-Thrs., Jan. 2, 2:30, 4:45, 7; Fri.-Sat., 5, 9:35; Sun.-Thrs., 5

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Die Another Day (PG-13): Tues.-Thrs., Jan. 2, 3, 6, 9
Gangs of New York (R): Tues.-Thrs., Jan. 2, 11:10, 2:50, 6:30, 10
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG): Tues.-Thrs., Jan. 2, 1:30, 5, 8:30
Lord of the Rings: Two Towers (PG-13): Tues.-Thrs., 11, 12, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9
Santa Claus 2 (G): Tues.-Thrs., Jan. 2, 12:20
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Maid in Manhattan (PG-13): Tues.-Thrs., 1:35, 4, 8:25, 8:50; Fri., 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; Sat., 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; Sun., 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30; Mon.-Thrs., 6:15, 8:30
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Santa Claus 2 (G): Tues.-Thrs., 1:30, 4:05; Fri., 5:15; Sat.-Sun., 3, 5:15; Mon.-Thrs., 6
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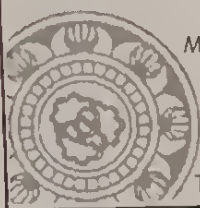
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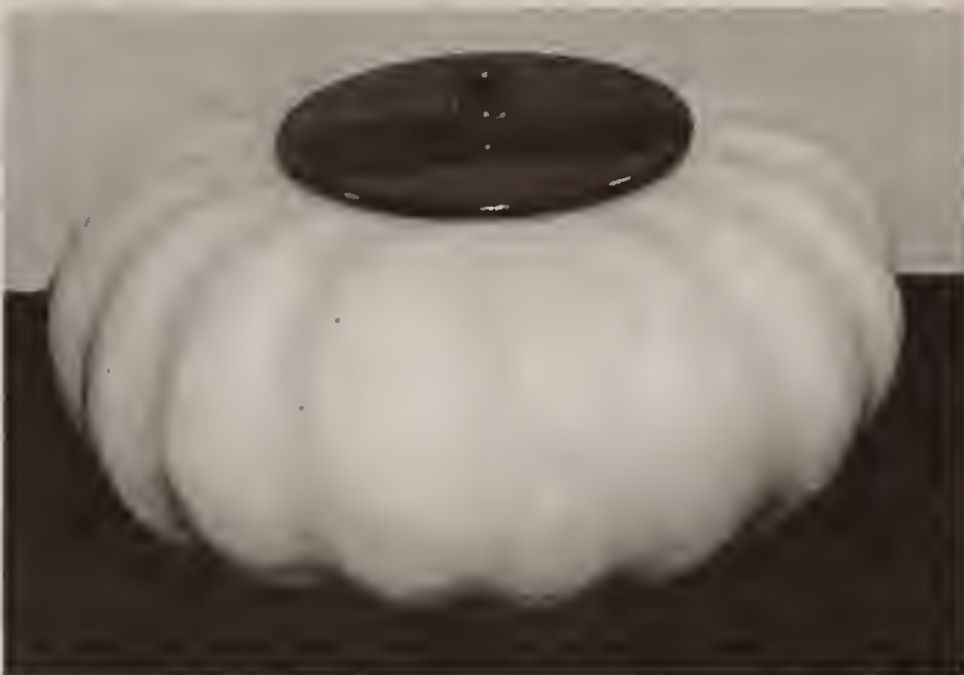
The Arts Council of Princeton will exhibit the work of artists Akiko Colcutt and Deirdre Sheean in its WPA Gallery from January 1 through January 17. An opening reception for the exhibit, entitled "Materials and Ideas as Inspiration," will be held in the WPA Gallery on Friday, January 3, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Ms. Colcutt trained in pottery under Makoto Yabe in Kyoto, Japan. She later studied production techniques and glazing in Cambridge, Mass., and at the College of New Jersey.

Her pottery is primarily high-fired porcelain in the Chinese and Korean tradition, using green and grey celadon, ox blood, and tenmoku black glazes. Her work also includes earthenware and stoneware.

Ms. Sheean has exhibited her collages in several solo and group shows, including the TAWA at Ellarslie Invitational. She has won awards for her work including the MCAC award at the Monmouth County Arts Council Show in 1999 and second place at the Art Alliance Show in 1998.

The WPA Gallery is located in the Arts Council's Paul Robeson Building at the corner of Witherspoon Street and Paul Robeson Place. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 to 5 p.m., and on weekends by appointment. For information, call 924-8777 or visit www.arts.councilofprinceton.org.



PORCELAIN ARTWORK: This piece of high-fired porcelain pottery by Akiko Colcutt will be among the works exhibited at the Arts Council of Princeton's WPA Gallery from January 1 to January 17.



FROM THE EAST: A group of Tibetan monks will visit the Lawrenceville School from January 14 through January 17 and construct an intricate sand mandala such as the green tara sand mandala shown above. (Photo by Jane Dvorak Compton)

**Tibetan Monks to Visit
Lawrenceville School**

Mark your calendars for January 14 — 17, 2003, when a group of Tibetan monks from Gaden Jangtse Tsawa Khangtse, a Tibetan Buddhist Monastery located in Mundgod, South India, will visit The Lawrenceville School as part of their 2002-2003 Tour for World Peace and Universal Compassion. The monks will construct an intricate sand mandala in the rotunda of the Hutchins Gallery of the Gruss Center of Visual Arts. You are invited to observe while the mandala is created on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with a dismantling ceremony to occur on Friday. A dance performance will be presented in the Kirby Arts Center on Thursday, January 16 at 7 p.m. Admission to all events is free to the public.

The monks began their tour of North America in March of 2002. The eight monks and a doctor of Tibetan Medicine have spent the year traveling throughout the United States and Canada sharing the spiritual and cultural life of Tibet with North American audiences. The touring monks were chosen specifically for their talents in the ritual arts. Because of the purity of their practice and because of the sincerity of their wish to bring peace and happiness to all sentient beings, the initiations, teachings, consultations and rituals offered by the monks of Gaden Jangtse Tsawa Khangtse are considered powerful in dissipating

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A great exodus has been taking place as Tibetans flee persecution within their native land and seek sanctuary in India. Rebuilding of the monasteries has been made possible by the Indian government through donations of land since 1959. This tour represents efforts in the fight against genocide and an attempt to generate funds to support the monks of Gaden Jangtse Tsawa Khangtse.

The monks' visit is being hosted by the Visual Arts and Religion departments. For more information, directions, or to schedule a tour for groups of five or more, please contact jhall@lawrenceville.org or call 609-620-6026.

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PHOTO EXHIBIT: "At Last-Memory Yields" is the title of an exhibit of photography and mixed media by Christopher R. Becker at the Gallery at Chapin, January 6 through February 7.

Chapin Gallery to Host Photography Exhibit

The Gallery at the Chapin School will host an exhibit of photography and mixed media by Christopher Becker, an artist and architect from Cambridge, Mass., from January 6 to February 7. The public is invited to an opening reception for the artist on Wednesday, January 8, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mr. Becker received a B.A., magna cum laude, in urban studies and architecture from Columbia University and is currently attending the master of architecture program at MIT. A former architectural intern at HMR Architects in Princeton, he is an avid photographer who has found a creative outlet in merging architecture and photography.

Mr. Becker's show, "At Last — Memory Yields," can be viewed during school hours by appointment by calling (609) 924-7206.



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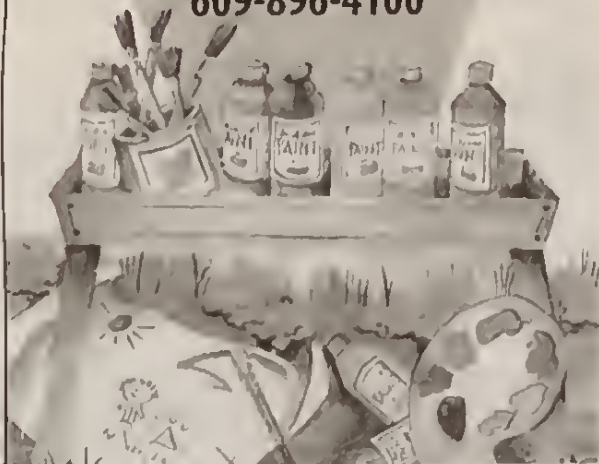
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Sports

Tiger Men's Basketball Drops 2 of 3 On Holiday Swing But Shows Balance

Although the Princeton University men's basketball team lost two out of three games on its holiday road swing completed last Saturday, the Tigers showed signs that they are primed to make a strong run for yet another Ivy League crown.

In battling Big 12 schools, University of Texas and Texas A&M, and Santa Clara of the West Coast Conference, Princeton made it clear that not much separated them and their foes from the bigger name conferences.

During the road trip, the Tigers demonstrated the kind of balance and persistence that will give pause to those who see Princeton coming in no higher than third in the Ivy race.

The first leg of the battles with teams from

the Lone Star state took place in Austin on the Sunday before Christmas when Princeton faced No. 10 Texas before a crowd of 10,671 in a game televised by ESPN. While the Tigers had fallen by 19 to Oklahoma in their first match-up this season with a nationally ranked team, Princeton showed the Longhorns early on that they weren't in for an easy afternoon.

With head coach John Thompson III opting to use a game plan that featured the trademark Princeton style of deliberate basketball, the Tigers took an 8-3 lead early in the game and held Texas scoreless for eight minutes during the half. The Longhorns and their home crowd were befuddled by Princeton's use of the 35-second clock and passing offense. A Kyle Wente turnaround jumper gave the Tigers a 21-18 lead at halftime.

The game seesawed throughout the second half with neither team able to push its lead to more than three points. Overall, the teams were tied 11 times and there were nine lead changes. Princeton went into the lead at 46-44 with just over five minutes left when Spencer Gloger hit an 18-foot jumper. The Tigers, however, never led again as Texas controlled the boards down the stretch and scratched out a 57-54 win.

Although the loss dropped Princeton to 3-5 and was their third straight setback, it was a step forward for the Tigers. "I thought we played really well on the offensive end," said Tiger guard Ed Persia, a Texas native who scored eight points and drew plenty of cheers from friends and relatives in attendance. "I thought we slowed them down as well as we could.

They killed us on the boards in the second half."

Indeed, the Longhorns, who improved to 7-2, ended up with a 33-21 edge in rebounding. The score sheet, however, had plenty of positives for Princeton, who saw Wente come up with a season high 14 points and seven rebounds, Gloger add 11 points and Ray Robins come up with nine off the bench.

The Tigers' holiday odyssey then took them to the Cable Car Classic in Santa Clara. In their opening round game on December 27, the Tigers completed their Texas two-step as they played Texas A&M. Utilizing hot outside shooting and several backdoor lay-ups, the Tigers jumped out to a 44-26 halftime lead over the Aggies (6-3) and never looked back as they broke their losing streak with a solid 76-62 win.

Princeton ended the evening shooting 56% from the field, including 7-17 from three-point range.

Demonstrating that Thompson has plenty of weapons at his disposal, four Tigers hit double figures in scoring. Fittingly, Princeton's top scorers were Will Venable, a native of San Rafael, Calif., who poured in 21, and Gloger, from Santa Margarita, Calif., who added 19. Wente chipped in 11 while Konrad Wysocki registered his first double-double of the season as he scored 10 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

In the tourney final a night later, the Tigers took on the host team, Santa Clara, and promptly fell behind 22-9. Venable, however, started a Princeton rally as he got fouled making a lay-up and hit the free throw for a three-point play. Persia poured in four three-pointers and hit two free throws as Princeton narrowed the deficit to 33-32 at halftime.

The game stayed close with the teams tied at 53 with 7:37 remaining. Santa Clara then went on a 9-0 run from which Princeton could never recover although the Tigers did narrow the gap to 71-68 with 38 seconds

remaining on a Robins three-pointer. The Broncos (8-3) held off the Tigers, picking up a 77-71 win and the tourney title.

Once again, the Tigers (4-6) showed good balance with four players in scoring in double figures, led by Persia, who had a career-high 20 points. Gloger added 19 as he made the All-Tournament team while Venable and Robins had ten apiece.

While Princeton wasn't happy with the loss, it may be a good omen as the last time the Tigers played Santa Clara, they fell 59-53 in the 1990 Cable Car Classic final. In that 1990-91 campaign, Princeton rebounded from the loss to go 24-3 and post a 14-0 mark in Ivy play.

Coach Thompson and his charges can hope that history repeats itself as the Tigers start the 2003 portion of the season with a January 3 game at Holy Cross and a January 7 home contest against University of Maryland Baltimore County before heading into Ivy play.

—Bill Alden



AMONG THE REDWOODS: Princeton University guard Will Venable battles for a rebound with Santa Clara's Ethan Rohde (40) and Cord Anderson (42) as Princeton lost 77-71 last Saturday in the final of the Cable Car Classic. Venable scored 10 points for the Tigers who are now 4-6.

(Photo by Gabe Fossati)



TEXAS TWO-STEP: Princeton University center Judson Wallace powers over Texas A&M's Nick Anderson last Friday in the opening round game of the Cable Car Classic which the Tigers won 76-62.

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BUCKING FOR POSITION: Princeton University forward Lisa Rasmussen, right, controls the puck in the Tigers' 4-0 loss to Ohio State on December 14. The Tigers, who had beaten the Buckeyes 1-0 on December 13, are 8-4-2 and are off until a January 4 game at Boston College. Two Tigers, senior forward Andrea Kilbourne and junior defender Angela Gooldy, were busy over the break as they participated in a camp at Lake Placid, N.Y. from Dec. 26-Jan. 2 to try out for the U.S. team that will compete at the World Championships in April.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Former Tiger Young Traded to Expos

Chris Young, one of the greatest two-sport athletes in Princeton University history, was traded last week from the Pittsburgh Pirate organization to the Montreal Expos.

The 6'11 Young, who was an All-Ivy selection as a center in basketball and a pitcher in baseball during his Tiger career and the Ivy League Rookie of the Year in both sports, pitched at Class A Hickory last season where he went 11-9 with a 3.11 ERA in 26 starts.

Young signed with the Pirates in 2000 after his sophomore year at Princeton and due to Ivy League rules was ineligible for all sports after entering into that contract. If Young had been at a non-Ivy school, he would have been still eligible to play basketball. Notwithstanding the demands of professional baseball, Young graduated from Princeton with his class last June.

Tiger Men's Hockey Snaps Losing Streak

Led by goalie Trevor Clay, the Princeton University men's ice hockey team beat Rensselaer 4-3 last Sunday at the RPI/HSBC Hockey Tournament to snap a nine-game losing streak.

Parker Takes Title At Reno Wrestling Event

Defending NCAA wrestling finalist Greg Parker added another title to his glittering resume as the Princeton University senior took first in the 184-pound weight class at the Reno Tournament of Champions held in late December.

Parker, the top seed in his class, won all four of his matches to claim the title. He came up with shutouts in three of his matches and won the final 10-2 over Oklahoma State's Jake Rosholt.

Overall, the Tigers finished 15th of 22 teams. Princeton wrestlers who won two matches at the competition included Brian Kirschbaum at 133 and Joe Clarke at 141. The Tigers will next be in action when they travel to Drexel on January 10.

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Clay made 41 saves for the Tigers while Patrick Neundorfer scored two goals and Neil Stevenson-Moore and Mike Patton chipped in one apiece.

The Tigers, now 2-14, will face Ohio State on January 3 at Mellon Arena in Pittsburgh.

Tiger Women's Hoops Drop Two at Tourney

Despite some long-distance sharpshooting from Karen Bolster, the Princeton University women's basketball team fell 94-86 to Morehead State on Dec. 21 in the consolation game of the Pioneer Classic held in Denver.

Bolster fired in seven three-point shots on her way to a

23 point performance but the Tigers were done in by a 55-point second half onslaught by MSU. Rebecca Brown scored 22 points and Kelly Schaeffer added 12 as Princeton fell to 4-6 on the year.

In the opening round of the tournament, the Tigers lost 86-58 to host University of Denver on December 20. Maureen Lane had a good all-around game in a losing cause as she scored seven points, pulled down eight rebounds, and dished off for three assists.

The Tigers will start 2003 by hosting St. Francis on January 5 and then travelling to Lehigh on January 7.



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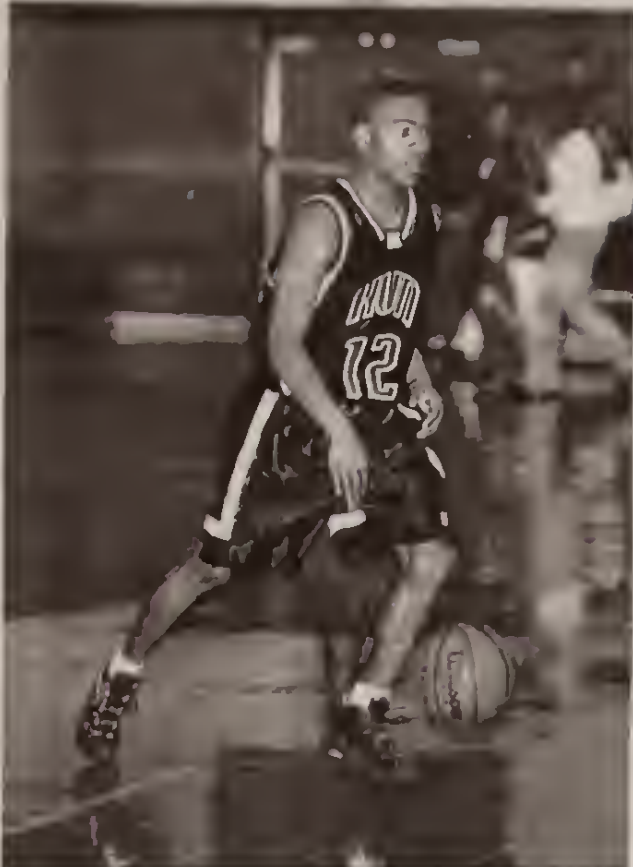


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MVP, MVP: Hun School point guard Mingus Murray heads up court last Friday in the Raiders' 67-46 win over Hightstown in Hamilton High-West Christmas Classic. Murray scored a season-high 22 points against the Rams and went on to be named the tournament MVP as Hun beat Hamilton 67-42 in Saturday's championship game. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Hun Wins Hamilton Tourney With Murray On Point

Hun School point guard Mingus Murray knew that he had a lot on his shoulders coming into this season.

With four newcomers joining the Raiders' lineup, Murray, a Junior, had extra responsibility to get the team in synch. Accordingly, Murray spent the first five games of the season focused on making sure that everybody was fitting in and putting his scoring on the backburner.

Last weekend at the Hamilton High West Christmas Classic, however, Murray took matters into his own hands, pouring in a total of 29 points in the tourney as Hun cruised to the title and he was named the tournament's MVP.

Murray showed his range of skills as he fired in six three-pointers and scored 22 points in Hun's 67-46 win over Hightstown in Friday's opening round game. In the Raiders' 67-42 win over host Hamilton in the final on Saturday, Mingus scored seven points and dished out several slick assists.

Murray saw the weekend as proof that the Raiders, now 5-2, are getting in a groove as they integrate the new faces into the rotation. "We're getting used to each other, everyone is new. We have four new players starting and then there is me," said Murray, who had six steals in the win Friday. "I just try to be as creative as possible."

One of the team's key newcomers, Nathan Fritsch, who scored 21 points in the two games as he made the All-Tournament team, certainly appreciates Murray's work at the point.

"Mingus is a good all-around player, it's fun playing with him," said Fritsch, a postgrad from Durham, N.C.

"He's a helluva offensive player and great on defense too. He puts so much pressure on the ball defensively that it makes our job easier. He has their point guard out dribbling at halfcourt trying to get around him."

Hun head coach Jon Stone knows that he has something special in Murray. "He showed last night what a great shooter he is," said Stone after the win Saturday. "Tonight, I think he took things more as they came to him. On both nights, he distributed the ball well. He's just going to keep getting better."

Stone feels that his team collectively showed over the weekend that it is on the right track. "I was happy with them," added Stone, whose team starts 2003 on January 4 at St. Patrick's before hosting formidable St. Benedict's January 7. "Defensively, we tried to make an effort and we wanted to do a good job on the glass. I think we did both of those things. It was an important tournament for us and I'm happy we won it."

Hun's other key newcomers, Billy May, Noah Savage and Patrick Dwyer, give Stone plenty of weapons. "We've got a lot of balance and a lot of guys who can put the ball in the hole," asserted Stone, who got 14 points from Dwyer in the final and 11 apiece from May and Savage. "We showed that tonight."

The team's floor general, Murray, sees things coming together nicely as the Raiders and he head into 2003. "I was more comfortable this weekend," said Murray. "I feel good about the team. We're not where we want to be but I'm sure we'll get better." Particularly with Murray displaying his array of talent from the point. —Bill Alden



POWER MOVE: Hun School forward Nate Fritsch heads to the hoop against Hightstown last Friday in the Raiders 67-46 win over the Rams at last weekend's Hamilton holiday tournament. Fritsch scored a total of 21 points over the weekend and was named to the All-Tournament team as Hun breezed to the title. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



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PUTTING ON A BRAVE FACE: Hun School players, from left, Erin Sanderson, Natalie Brunone, and Shannon Mims with trophies after the Raiders fell 53-34 to Northern Burlington last Sunday in the final of the Eastern States Christmas Invitational Tournament at McCorristin High. Brunone was named to the All-Tournament team while Mims won the tourney's sportsmanship award.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Hun Girls' Hoops Fall Short In ESCIT Holiday Tourney

As the Hun School girls' basketball team came out for the opening tip of the Eastern States Christmas Invitational Tournament (ESCIT) championship game last Sunday against Northern Burlington, it was clear that the Raiders faced a formidable obstacle.

While Hun's starting lineup had only one player as tall as 5'10 in freshman Mary Stinson, the Greyhounds featured a towering 6'3 center in senior Erica Davis and two forwards right at 6-feet tall.

In the early going, Hun overcame its height disadvantage to take a 12-4 lead on the strength of its hustle and sharp outside shooting. But the Greyhounds switched from a zone defense to man-to-man and the roof fell in on the Raiders.

The combination of the new defensive set and a flurry of three-pointers triggered an 21-0 run for Northern Burlington as Hun went scoreless for more than eight minutes. The Greyhounds went into halftime with a 33-16 cushion.

Northern Burlington built its lead up to 48-19 by the end of the third quarter. Showing plenty of fight, Hun outscored the Greyhounds 15-5 in the final period to narrow the final margin to 53-34.

Although Hun's players were grimaced as they accepted their second place trophies, Raider head coach Bill Holup was able to see some progress notwithstanding the one-sided loss.

"This has been an extremely competitive tournament for us," said Holup, whose club had topped host McCorristin High 45-33 in Saturday's opening round. "This is our third year here

and the first year we actually won a game. I think that goes a long way."

Holup knew coming into the final that his team was facing a powerful foe in Northern Burlington which had won the ESCIT title the previous two seasons.

"Watching them, they obviously had a lot of size," said Holup, whose squad heads into 2003 with an 8-2 mark. "That's one of our disadvantages, we don't have much size. They had beat us by 22 here last year."

In Holup's view, his team's desire to show that it wasn't going to be intimidated led it to lose its cool. "I think that we tried to make a statement to show that we had no fear but we just weren't playing

smart," admitted Holup, who got a team-high 11 points from Natalie Brunone in the final and 24 points on the weekend from Shannon Mims. Brunone was named to the All-Tournament team while Mims won the tourney's sportsmanship award.

"Offensively, we tried to force it, we didn't have enough patience. We have to play with our heads and be smart out there. We didn't do that today."

As Holup looks ahead to the 2003 portion of the Raiders' schedule which starts with a January 8 game at Blair, he believes his squad will regain the aggressive yet intelligent style that has led

them to their solid start. "I just think we need to get back into a groove after having the week off around Christmas," said Holup. "It'll be tough but we have to get back into synch."

While the setback to Northern Burlington was humbling, it didn't dim Holup's optimism regarding his squad and its prospects. "If you had asked me earlier what our record would be at this point, I would've said one or two

games over .500," asserted Holup. "This team fought today and that's all you can ask for. We have a special thing going."

—Bill Alden

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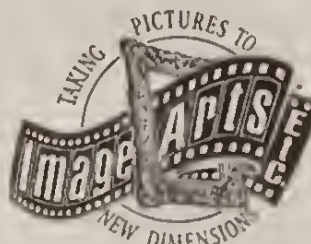


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JUSTIN TIME: Princeton High goalkeeper Justin Strasburger makes a save in PHS' 5-5 tie with WW/P-S on December 23. Strasburger recorded 20 saves against the Pirates as the Little Tigers moved to 4-3-1 on the season.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Mann's Switch to Defense Sparking PHS Boys' Hockey

Throughout his many years playing ice hockey, Mike Mann has always been a forward, focusing on scoring on the doorstep of the goal.

But with the Princeton High boys' hockey team losing some key defensive players to graduation, Mann was moved to defense for his senior year with the Little Tigers.

While the switch to the back line should've meant fewer scoring opportunities, Mann has prospered in his new role, emerging as one of PHS' top scoring threats as he helps shore up the team's defense.

Mann gave an ample demonstration of his offensive prowess from long distance as he scored two goals and picked up two assists against WW/P-S on December 23 to help PHS rally from a 5-1 second period deficit and scratch out a 5-5 tie.

For Mann, the move to the back line has been a blessing

in disguise. "I'm glad to do it," said Mann after the WW/P-S game as he reflected on his switch in position. "I'm getting more comfortable in it. We lost three seniors to graduation and I had to just step up and play the position."

Ironically, Mann has found that he has been getting better scoring chances this year even though he's farther away from the goal. "I really like the opportunities I get on defense better because I'm not digging the puck out of the corners," said a grinning Mann, who tallied two goals in the Little Tigers' 9-0 win over Hamilton on December 12.

"I'm in the high slot, looking for lanes and just catching passes. Tonight, I just happened to be in the spots I needed to be and when the puck came to me, I just put it away."

Although PHS head coach



HE'S THE MAN: Princeton High defenseman Mike Mann (left) raises his hands after scoring the goal that gave PHS a 5-5 tie with WW/P-S on December 23. Mann had two goals and two assists as the Little Tigers rallied from a 5-1 deficit against the Pirates.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Paul Merrow would've preferred to keep Mann in his accustomed role on the ice, he is happy with the way Mann has responded to the challenge.

"Mike's playing out of position and he's doing a great job," said Merrow of his defender whose score completed the Tigers' rally

against WW/P-S by scoring the tying goal with 7:54 remaining in the contest. "Mike has a good shot off the point. He is a very physical kid. He plays with a lot of heart and he showed a lot of aggression tonight."

Merrow asserted that his team had to produce a collective aggression to get them out of the four-goal hole against WW/P-S. "I've been telling the kids all year that this isn't a passive game," said Merrow, whose club moved to 4-3-1 with the tie against the Pirates. "This isn't golf, this is hockey. This is a game you have to play with controlled aggression and with some level of anger."

After his team fell behind 5-1, Merrow was able to trigger some fire as he pointed out to his players that WW/P-S was putting in their subs as they apparently assumed the game was in hand. "Our guys didn't want to hear that," recalled Merrow, who got a goal and three assists from Jason Diamond and goals from Sam Finnell and Matt Leuck in the WW/P-S game.

"I think they realized we could get back in this game and we did. I'm proud of the kids, they didn't quit. This was a big Colonial Valley Conference game and it was a good tie."

Overall, Merrow is happy with where the Little Tigers are at as they head into the holiday break. "It's nice to be above .500 at Christmas," said Merrow, whose team faces Notre Dame on January 6 at Mercer County Park. "It has gone better than I expected."

Mann, for his part, believes that PHS' dramatic comeback against WW/P-S is something the team can build on. "Coming into this game, we hadn't gotten a win in the league that really made a statement," asserted the stocky Mann, who was a star defender on the PHS soccer team last fall. "We needed to come out and show the rest of the league that we're a team that people need to look at."

In the process, Mann has proved that he is the kind of attacking defenseman who will be getting a lot of attention this winter. —Bill Alden

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IN HIS SIGHTS: Princeton High guard Markese Brown keeps his eye on the hoop as he heads down the lane against Allentown on December 23 as PHS fell 64-56. Brown scored seven points in a losing cause.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

PHS Boys' Basketball Looking to Develop More Consistency

While basketball is a game of spurts, Princeton High boys' hoops head coach David Kosa is hoping that his squad can produce more consistency than it has shown in the early going.

In its season opener on December 20 against visiting WW/P-S, PHS fell behind 19-8 in the second quarter before going on a 21-10 run to knot the game going into the final quarter. PHS then outscored the Pirates 21-6 over those final eight minutes to win 50-35 and send WW/P-S to its 22nd straight defeat.

PHS continued its seesaw play three days later against Allentown. After falling behind by five at halftime, PHS roared out to a 13-2 run after the break to take a 38-32 lead. But the Redbirds fought back with a 25-14 run of their own and held off PHS down the stretch to earn a 64-56 win.

"It's a learning process," said Kosa with a slight grimace after the loss to Allentown. "At half, I told them that they had to talk more. Allentown had a good game plan, they were spreading us out. We were more patient in the third quarter and more aggressive on offense."

The sparkling play demonstrated by the Little Tigers during the third quarter burst was outweighed by their sputtering fourth quarter effort. "I would attribute it to a lack of focus," maintained Kosa in analyzing PHS' play in the waning moments. "We lost our focus, we didn't do a lot of smart things. Hopefully, we'll learn from this and get better because of it."

Despite the team's inconsistency, Kosa is happy with the sold inside production being provided by Chris Newton and Bennett Murphy. "Chris has done a great job inside," said Kosa of the forward who scored 20 points in PHS' first two games despite dealing with foul troubles. "We have to find a way to keep him on the floor because of his effect on the game."

Murphy, averaging 9.0 points a game, has emerged as the go-to guy for a PHS squad that has no returning starters from last year. "Bennett does a lot of what I would call the dirty work,"

said Kosa, who is in his first year heading the PHS program. "He dives for loose balls, gets the offensive rebounds. He sometimes takes the ball up against the press. He sparks us."

In the Ridge tournament last weekend, the Little Tigers continued their up-and-down play as they lost to Ridge 55-38 last Friday and then fell to Rutgers Prep 49-44 on Saturday.

Kosa, nevertheless, saw the holiday tourney as a good opportunity for the Little Tigers. "We just want to play against good competition and take it from there," added Kosa, whose 1-3 squad hosts Trenton on January 3 before travelling to Hightstown on January 7.

"When it comes to game time, they have to be sure that they are more focused. We had this in our scrimmages, we'd play really, really well and then we'd have a quarter where there would be a drop off. They just have to be more consistent."

—Bill Alden



MURPHY'S LAW: Princeton High forward Bennett Murphy tracks down a loose ball in the Little Tigers' 64-56 loss to Allentown on December 23. Murphy, a senior, led PHS with 14 points in the loss to the Redbirds.

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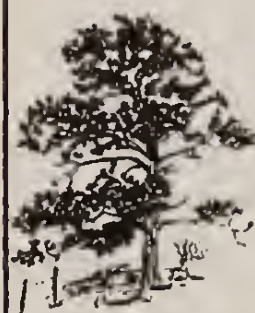


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CORNERED: Princeton High's Katie Bliss looks to get around a South Plainfield defender in PHS' 54-28 loss last Thursday in the Perth Amboy holiday tournament. The Little Tigers lost to Lawrence 69-33 on Friday in the tourney. PHS, now 0-4, plays on January 3 at Trenton High before hosting Hightstown on January 7.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



THAT'S A STRETCH: Princeton Day School forward Alex Seguira hauls in a rebound in the Panthers' 59-51 win over Timothy Christian on December 18. PDS, currently 4-2, ends its holiday break when it plays at Hopewell Valley High on January 7.

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The Princeton under-11 boys' travel basketball team improved to 2-1 with a 29-22 win over Hopewell on December 22. Jamal Tucker scored a team-high six points for Princeton while Seth Sherman and Robby Smuckler chipped in five apiece.

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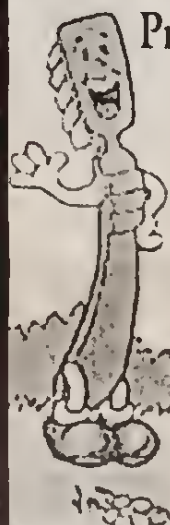
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Boys' Basketball: The Big Red beat Northfield Mt. Hermon 78-77 on December 21 in the consolation game of the Boys Club of New York Tournament. Lawrenceville, now 6-2, will play at Woodberry Forest School in Virginia on January 5.

Boys' Ice Hockey: Lawrenceville fell 3-0 to Choate on December 22 in the Lawrenceville Tournament. The Big Red dropped all three of its games in the tournament and takes a 5-4 record into its January 8 home game against the Portledge School.

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Football: Raider star lineman Jeffrey Zuttah, who is scheduled to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl on January 5 in San Antonio, has decided to attend the University of Michigan next fall on a full scholarship, the Hun School said in late December. Zuttah, who is 6'5 and weighs 285 pounds and was named to the first-team All Mid-Atlantic Prep squad after the 2002 season, plans to play offensive guard for the Wolverines.

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Girls' Ice Hockey: Led by outstanding efforts from Louise Finnell and Vicki Chen, the Little Tigers beat Shady Side Academy 8-4 at Pittsburgh on December 22. Finnell scored four goals while Chen added a hat trick as PHS improved to 4-1-1. The Little Tigers' next game is on January 4 when they travel to Radnor, Pa. High.

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(Photos by Rebecca Blackwell)



OLD-TIME MELODY: Re-enactor Stacy Roth of Burlington City enjoys a fiddle performance by fellow re-enactor Yannig Tanguy of Crown Point, N.Y.



HISTORY BUFF: Richard Patterson, director of the Old Barracks Museum in Trenton, participates in his 10th Battle of Princeton commemoration.



BOY SOLDIERS: Will Radice, 3, left, and his brother Luke, 5, line up shots with their imitation muskets during Sunday's military re-enactment displays.

PEOPLE

Dr. Richard Butsch of Princeton Junction, professor of sociology at Rider University, is the recipient of the fifth annual Dominick A. Iorio Faculty Research Prize. He received the award during Rider's annual Founder's Day program November 2.

Dr. Iorio, who retired in 1997 after 24 years as dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Education, and Sciences, presented the award in recognition of distinguished faculty scholarship and research.

"Dr. Butsch has produced a significant body of first-rate scholarship that commands the attention and respect of his colleagues throughout the world," said Dr. Iorio. "His work illuminates with clarity and precision some key dimensions of popular culture, bringing recognition and credit to Rider University."

Dr. Butsch's scholarship has largely focused on media, culture and consumption. In 1990, he published *For Fun and Profit: The Transformation of Leisure into Consumption*, which examined the commercialization of leisure. In 2000, he published *The Making of American Audiences from Stage to Television 1750-1990*, for which he received the International Communication Association Best Book Award, and the 2000 Cawelti Book Award from the American Culture Association.

Dr. Butsch has been a member of Rider's sociology faculty since 1976.

Two PDS Students Named Finalists in Competition

Two Princeton Day School seniors were among 48 finalists named in the 2002-2003 Delaware Valley Science Council's 55th annual Science and Mathematics competition.

Seniors Colin Cherry and Christopher Campbell were among the finalists chosen from 198 students from 60 high schools in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware who took the examinations.

Each year, schools send up to four seniors to the council's examinations, which were held on the campus of Philadelphia's Temple University in October. Finalists were selected based on the combined scores of two exams from those offered in biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics.

In the second phase of the competition, finalists will be interviewed by panels of technical and scientific professionals next month at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.

All students who attend the interviews will be invited to a recognition dinner in the spring where financial awards, based on the combined results of the examinations and the interviews, will be awarded. Every qualified finalist who attends the dinner will receive a recognition gift in token of their achievement.

An additional 21 students received honorable mention. The work of the Delaware Valley Science Council is supported by local corporations, foundations, and professional associations, and the council



PROFESSOR HONORED: Dr. Richard Butsch, left, receives Iorio Faculty Research Prize from Dr. Dominick A. Iorio at Rider University.

works with the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Stan Kaye, of West Windsor, physicist at the U.S. Department of Energy's Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL), was recently named a Fellow by the American Physical Society.

Dr. Kaye, a principal research physicist at PPPL, was cited for his pioneering investigation of the characteristics of strongly heated plasmas confined by magnetic fields. Plasma is a hot, ionized gas used as the fuel for the production of fusion energy.

Dr. Kaye, who heads the National Spherical Torus Experiment Physics Analysis Division at PPPL, received a bachelor's degree in physics and math from Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, a masters degree in geophysics and space physics from the University of Washington in Seattle, and a Ph.D. in space plasma physics from the University of California at Los Angeles. He joined the staff at PPPL in 1980, and has worked on several experiments at the Lab.

Naomi Weinberg, of Princeton, has been named to the 2002-2003 edition of *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*. She is a senior at Syracuse University majoring in inclusive elementary and special education in the School of Education.

Student nominees for *Who's Who* are chosen by a campus nominating committee and the directory's editors each fall based on their academic achievement, service to the campus and community, and potential for continued success. The directory was first published in 1934.

Francesca Benson of Princeton was honored by Temple University in a ceremony in which she was inducted into Temple's Gallery of Success, which portrays successful alumnae. Her photograph and biographical sketch are displayed in the gallery, and her name has been inscribed on a permanent plaque in Temple's Mitten Hall.

Ms. Benson is co-founder of The Newgrange School in Hamilton. She received her M. Ed. from Temple's College of Education in 1972. Since then she has been a reading specialist, learning disabilities specialist and child study team coordinator.

Matthew Schiller, of Plainsboro, has been honored at the Programs Rooted in Developing Excellence (PRIDE) Program for academic excellence in the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University. He is a sophomore majoring in computer engineering.

The PRIDE Program supports all students in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, with particular emphasis on women and students of color. The program honors these students for their outstanding academic and leadership excellence.

Kathryn Hood, daughter of Murray and Louise Hood of Princeton, has been named to the Commended List at Blair Academy in Blairstown. She achieved this honor by maintaining a minimum 4.5 average on a 6.0 scale in her courses for the fall term.

Rebecca Marshall, of Princeton, spent the fall semester studying in Florence, Italy, through Syracuse University's Division of International Programs Abroad. She is a sophomore at the University of Colorado in Boulder, majoring in studio arts.

The Florence program enrolls more than 600 students each academic year. Students may study art history, studio art, architecture and Italian language and culture, or take a wide range of courses in the liberal arts.

Molly O'Grady and **Austen Wilson** of Princeton are among the more than 550 student musicians who participated in the 2002 St. Olaf College Christmas festival concert in early December.

Ms. O'Grady, a junior, sang alto with the Chapel Choir; Mr. Wilson, a senior, sang bass with Cantorelli.

St. Olaf is a residential college in Northfield, Minn., affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Mark O. Smith has returned to Issues Management LLC, as a principal after a six month hiatus.

Mr. Smith left the firm in January to assume the position of executive director of the New Jersey Senate Republican staff.

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Wednesday, January 8:

10:30 a.m. Let's Talk, Redding Circle
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too, Spruce Circle

CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 1
New Year's Day

Friday, January 3

8 p.m.: Musical, *Lies and Legends*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 4

8 p.m.: Concert Royal; Richardson Auditorium. Pre-concert lecture at 7.

Sunday, January 5

Noon: Borough reorganization meeting; Borough Hall.

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Tuesday, January 7

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

Thursday, January 9

Friday, January 10

8 p.m.: *La Calisto*; The Princeton University Opera Theater; Richardson Auditorium. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Lies and Legends*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Patriots Theater, War Memorial, Trenton.

Saturday, January 11

8 p.m.: The Dryden Ensemble; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary.



BOOK SIGNING: Author Margery Cuyler (seated) was a guest at the recent Princeton Junior School Book Fair, where she signed her children's books, *Skeleton Hiccups*, *The Battlefield Ghost*, *That's Good That's Bad*, and *100th Day Worries*. Shown with the author are, from left, librarians Chris Moore, Marie Garber and Linda Clark.

Princeton Community Television TV30A Schedule

Following is a portion of the TV30A Princeton Community Television program schedule for Wednesday, January 1, through Wednesday, January 8.

• *Cafe Improv* - Part 2 of 12/14/2002 show
Wednesday to Sunday at 2 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

• "Exploration, Knowledge, and the Globe" by Graham Burnett, Asst. Professor of History and the History of Science, Princeton University (lecture no. 7, Fall 2002 series: "Voyages That Changed The World: New Perspectives")
Wednesday to Sunday at 4; Thrs. and Sat. at 7:30 p.m.

• *Carols of Many Nations* produced by Princeton Theological Seminary - seminary singers, recorded in Miller Chapel, Wednesday to Sunday at 6 p.m.

• *WSBN En Español*, Wednesday at 7 p.m.

• *A Fistful of P*O*P*C*O*R*N*. Princeton's in-depth "How to Listen to a Movie" — featuring musicologist Simon Morrison. Wed., Fri., Sun., Mon, Wed., at 7:30 p.m.

• *A Writers Community*, Wed., at 9 p.m.

• *Cafe Improv* - Part 1 of 12/14/2002 show
Monday to Wednesday at 2 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

• "The Art of Prompting" by Jane Klaviter, Met. Opera at Dorothea House Monday to Wednesday at 4 p.m.

• *Show for the Latino community in Princeton*. It's about how Latinos in Princeton can get assistance in learning English. Monday to Wednesday at 6 p.m.

• *The Catholic Corner*. "Mysteries of the Rosary" produced by The Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton. Tue., at 7:30 p.m.

• *MEET THE MAYOR*. Wed. at 7 p.m.

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HOLIDAY CHEER AT MERWICK: The Lewis School of Princeton Choir brings its holiday tradition of caroling to residents of the Merwick Nursing Home on Bayard Lane. Lewis is celebrating its 30th year as a K-12 school for children with dyslexia, ADD and related learning differences.

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OBITUARIES

Theresa M. Spiegel, 87, a lifelong resident of Princeton, died December 27 at the Medical Center at Princeton.

She was a nurses' aide at Muhlenburg Hospital in Plainfield for 20 years. After retiring in 1977, she continued to care for the ill until 2002.

She was a former member of Senior Citizens Club No. 2 of Lawrenceville, and a longtime member of St. Paul Church.

Daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Simone Pareso, and sister of the late Carmen Pareso, Jean Pareso and Jerry Gorski, she is survived by one son, Richard J. of Hopewell; foster children Mike McClaughlin of South Plainfield and Pastor Terrence McClaughlin of Savannah, Ga.; two brothers, Michael Pareso and Joseph Pareso, both of Elizabeth; two sisters, Jeanette M. Tagalavori of Newnan, Ga., and Ellen Rendale of Princeton; two grandchildren; and a devoted friend, Maryjane Hanson of Edison.

The funeral will be Friday, January 3, at 8:30 a.m. at the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul Church, with burial at St. Paul Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday,

January 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton 08540; or to The American Cancer Society of New Jersey, Mercer County Chapter, 3076 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville 08648.

Walter G. Gibson, 78, of Princeton, died December 26 at home.

Born in San Mateo, Calif., he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a B.S. in electrical engineering, and received his M.S. from Newark College of Engineering.

He retired in 1987 from RCA David Sarnoff Research Center in Princeton, after 41 years as an electrical engineer in research.

He served in World War II with the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of Sigma Xi Fraternity, Nassau Presbyterian Church, and Carnegie Sailing Club.

Predeceased by his son Robert Gibson, he is survived by his wife, Janice; two daughters, Karen G. Miller of Hillsborough and Cynthia Gibson of Kingston; a brother, John R. of Carson City, Nev.; a sister, Virginia Gill of Louisville, Ky.; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, January 2, at 11 a.m. at Niles Chapel in

the Nassau Presbyterian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimers Association, Central New Jersey Chapter, 12 Roszel Road, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Lena Riccio, 91, of Princeton, died December 25 at the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in New Haven, Conn., she was a resident of Princeton for nearly 70 years.

A graduate of New Haven Normal School, now Southern Connecticut State University, she worked as an elementary teacher for two years following graduation from college. She retired in 1974 after working 26 years as a supervisor for Educational Testing Service.

She was a member of St. Paul Church and the Princeton Seniors Group.

Daughter of the late Giuseppe & Stella Olivieri of New Haven, and wife of the late Arthur Riccio, she is survived by two sons, Joseph of Allentown, Pa.; a sister, Anna Pinto, of New Haven; three brothers, Pasquale and Gabriel Olivieri, both of New Haven, and Frank Olivieri, of Coconut Creek, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held December 30 at St. Paul Church, followed by interment in St. Paul Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 529, Princeton 08542.

Mildred Talarick Cranstoun, 74, of Rocky Hill, died December 20 at the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Princeton, she was a lifelong resident of Rocky Hill.

She was supervisor of the catalog department at Princeton University's Firestone Library for 30 years, retiring in 1993.

She was a member of the First Reformed Church of Rocky Hill, the Montgomery Township Senior Citizens, and the Rocky Hill 76ers Senior Citizens.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Cranstoun Jr.; two sons, Donald Talarick of Cream Ridge and Robert

Talarick of Montgomery; a daughter, Cindy Higgins, of Orlando, Fla.; a brother, William Durling, of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.; sisters Ida Mae Allen of Rocky Hill and Doris Diaforli of Barnesville, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was December 26 at the First Reformed Church of Rocky Hill. Burial was in Rocky Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the First Reformed Church of Rocky Hill, P.O. Box 220, Rocky Hill 08553.

Jerry Lynn Lancaster, 58, of East Windsor, died December 25 after a three-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was the founder and CEO of Keller Williams Princeton Real Estate.

Born in Guin, Ala., she received degrees from Freed Hardeman University and the University of Memphis.

She served on the East Windsor Board of Education for ten years.

She worked in real estate for 26 years and was a trustee for several years of the Mercer County Association of Realtors, serving as president in 2000 and 2001. She served as Mercer County representative to the New Jersey Association of Realtors.

She was chair of the advisory board of International Christian University in Vienna, Austria, and served on the advisory board of Global Christian University in Jackson, Miss.

She is survived by her parents, Gladys and M.A. Smith, Jr.; her husband of 35 years, Max D. Lancaster; her son, M. David Jr., of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; her daughter, Wendy L. Lancaster, of Cranbury; and a brother, Michael Smith, of Cleveland, Ohio.

A funeral service was held December 28 at Princeton Church of Christ, with Bruce Wadzeck officiating. Interment was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, 500 N.E. Spanish River Boulevard, Boca Raton, Fla. 33431; or Global Christian University, 808 Treeline Drive, Jackson, Miss. 39042.

Funeral arrangements were by A.S. Cole Funeral Home, Cranbury.

Doris R. Luck, 68, of Burns; her daughter, Katie; Kingston, died December 27 at The Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Downingtown, Pa., she had been a resident of Kingston since 1954.

A charter member of the Kingston First Aid Squad, she was its current president. She was a life member and past president of Kingston Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary, and a life member of the Ninth District of New Jersey State First Aid Council.

She was a school bus driver for 35 years in the Princeton and South Brunswick areas.

Daughter of the late Joseph and Cora Settelen, and sister of the late Cora Coulton, she is survived by her husband of 48 years, Norman H. Sr. of Kingston; three daughters, Betty Jane Adair of Bridgewater, Nancy Delgado of Dayton, and Catherine Wolf of Kendall Park; two brothers, Joseph Settelen of Frankfort, Ky., and John Settelen of Southern Pines, N.C.; three sisters, Betty Mertz of Little Rocky Hill, Shirley Ackridge of Melbourne, Fla., and Sandra Borden of Summit, Pa.; and six grandchildren.

A funeral Service was held December 31 at M.J. Murphy Funeral Home, Monmouth Junction. Burial was in Kingston Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Kingston First Aid and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 392, Kingston 08528.

Margaret S. "Peggy" Burns, 48, formerly of Montgomery, died December 26 at her home in Chestnut Ridge, N.Y.

A teacher at Green Meadow Waldorf School in Chestnut Ridge, she had previously taught for seven years at the Waldorf School of Princeton, where she was also a member of the school's board.

She had been a Montgomery resident for ten years before moving to New York.

She is survived by her father and his wife, Robert and Virginia Smith; her husband of 23 years, John F.

Maria Carazzai, 93, of Princeton, died December 27 at Harbor Health Care Center, in Lewes, Del.

Born in Feltre, Italy, she had been a Princeton resident for more than 67 years.

She was a former employee of Princeton Laundry.

She was a member of St. Paul Church.

Predeceased by her husband, John Carazzai, and two brothers, she is survived by a son, Renato, of Lawrenceville; a daughter, Joanne Campbell, of Delaware; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was December 31 at Kimble Funeral Home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Paul Church and interment in St. Paul Cemetery.

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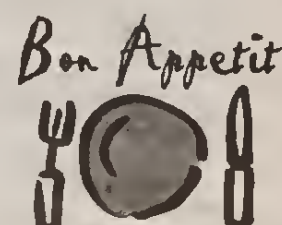
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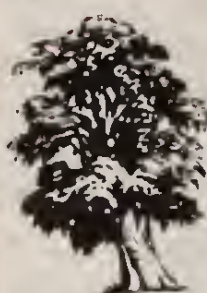
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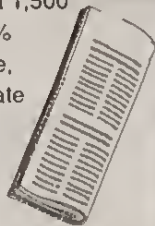
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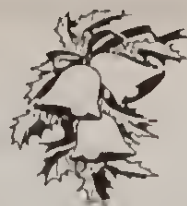
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